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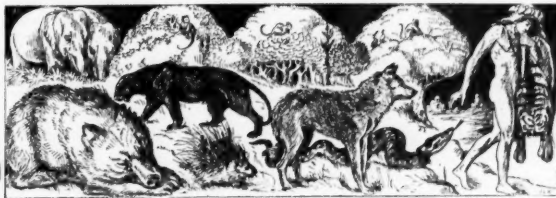
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One of the choicest inheritances which our fathers have handed down to us is Thanksgiving Day, and rarely has it brought more unalloyed enjoyment than this year. Its religious observance promoted the spirit of gratitude to God, of patriotism and of the unity of all believers. It was fitting that the governor of Massachusetts should speak that day in one of the churches in his own city. We doubt not that in many States the chief executive officers would gladly respond to invitations to follow his example, and since the States by public proclamation recognize the blessing of religion, the church might appropriately reciprocate by inviting governors, mayors and other officers publicly to honor the day by addresses in connection with religious services. One very gratifying feature of public worship was the union in many cases of religious denominations of widely different beliefs. Protestants, Catholics and Jews in some cases united in the same congregations, and it is proper that on the day set apart for national thanksgiving all worshipers of God should join in their praises and petitions. That day is the last to be chosen for exciting sectarian rivalries, the first for illustrating the reasons why we should be a united people whose God is the Lord.

The deputation from the American Board to Japan is expected to sail this week from

Yokohama for San Francisco, and its members may possibly reach their homes in time to celebrate Christmas with their families. There are good reasons for believing that their mission has been in the best sense successful in promoting harmony, faith and spirituality among Japanese Christians. They have conferred freely with representatives of all classes interested in the matters they were sent to consider. A three days' meeting of the pastors and evangelists of the *Kumiai* churches at Nara with the members of the deputation and the missionaries the last week in October was productive of excellent results. A platform was drawn up by the native workers, which was adopted by the entire body and signed by each member. The uplifting presence of the Holy Spirit was joyously recognized, and the feeling was unanimous that the work of the churches would go forward henceforth with greater unity of faith and purpose and with increased heart and hope. Without detailed knowledge as yet of the impressions made on the deputation or what they have to propose to the Board, we gladly express our confidence that the fruit of their mission will fully justify the wisdom of the Prudential Committee in sending them at this time.

REFORMING THE THEATER.

A meeting held in Boston last week to elevate the theater brought out several facts of interest. The persons who shared in the discussion, either by addresses or letters, are patrons, actors and professional critics of the theater. A number of them are prominent in city life. They speak with knowledge. It was stated that nine playhouses in Boston have an average attendance of 9,000 daily, 54,000 each week. As the same play is often reproduced nightly for several weeks, and most persons would not care to see it more than once, a very large proportion of the population of Boston must occasionally attend the theater. An institution which so extensively influences the intellectual and moral life of the people cannot be left out of account by those who seek to exalt that life.

The present condition of the theater is, as a whole, demoralizing. This was openly stated or tacitly admitted by all the speakers at this meeting. Mr. H. A. Clapp, one of the most experienced and able dramatic critics of the city press, said that the audience had agreed "that wherever the English language is spoken today the theater, on the whole, is in a mean condition." He characterized it as a "brainless theater." He said that by no amount of money could a person be sure of being able on any given day to see a respectable dramatic performance. He noted that during the last two years the moral decadence of the theater has been startling. Yet he did not blame the managers, for from their point of view their business is successful, their houses are full and their box receipts are large.

They do not try to cater to cultured people, who, in the multitude of theater goers, are only a drop in the bucket.

It seemed to be the sentiment of the meeting that the entertainments most in vogue at present are not only intellectually weak and morally bad, but that they have palled on the popular taste. The chairman declared that "our people are tired to death of plays, even of a high literary excellence, with plots that turn on a sickening and degraded past that brings the hospital and the charnel house into the sanctities of our homes, and of that noisy horse-play that confounds vulgarity with wit and distortions of face with artistic expression." This seems at first to be hardly consistent with the admitted facts that this description characterizes the most common entertainments, that the theaters are filled, that at least one large new one has been opened the present year, and that the attendance is larger than ever before. But we suppose the chairman meant that most cultivated people who enjoy the drama find little satisfaction in the efforts to attract and please the ignorant crowd.

The outcome of the meeting was an organization to lease a theater and provide for a short season of plays of a high character. This movement, judging from the names of those connected with it, ought to demonstrate whether or not there are people enough in Boston who care for this sort of entertainment to support an institution presenting only wholesome, entertaining and high class plays. No attempt in this direction has hitherto been successful. The confessed demoralizing influence of the theater has kept the majority of Christian churches opposed to it as an institution, and that is their position today. Yet the playhouse is not now more positively antagonized by the churches than was the novel in the early part of this century; and now, while immoral and intellectually debasing stories have an immense circulation, novels fill our Sunday school libraries and the high and powerful mission of fiction is discussed freely in our churches, novelists themselves being invited to set forth the relation of their work to the life of the spirit. Mrs. Margaret Deland spoke at Shawmut Church, Boston, on a recent Sunday evening on the mission of the novel.

Dramatic entertainments are also not wholly foreign to orthodox Sunday school celebrations, and not a few Christians speak of wholesome plays they have witnessed with benefit and pleasure. If these could be wholly divorced from the theater as an institution whose influence is confessedly evil, they would prize them as an innocent recreation and a valuable mental stimulant. That such efforts have not succeeded heretofore is not a conclusive argument against a renewed attempt. It holds out at least the promise of a possible good and need not be anticipated by hostile criticism. The church may yet find that it can use the theater, as it uses fiction, to influence men to righteous convictions and holy living.

THE ARMENIAN CHURCH.

Where is Armenia? What is its government? What is the character of its people? How does the Armenian Church, in its belief, spirit, government, differ from other Christian churches? To these and similar inquiries of our readers we will try to give brief replies.

Armenia is north of Syria and south of Russia, west of Persia and east of Turkey. Its highest point is Mount Ararat. It is watered by the Euphrates, Tigris and other historic rivers, whose sources are in its mountains. It is a land of plateaus, hills, valleys, glens and lakes, as romantic and beautiful and as fertile as any land on earth.

From early times it has been the scene of wars, a prize contended for by the nations around it. It has had its heroes and victories, and more than once has seemed likely to rise into the proportions of a great empire, but, after comparatively brief periods of independence, has come under the control of stronger nations. Its territory is at present divided between Persia, Russia and Turkey. Armenians now form the minority of the inhabitants in most provinces of their own ancient home. About 150,000 are in Persia, 1,000,000 in Russia and 2,000,000 in Turkey, the remainder, perhaps 200,000, being scattered through various countries. They were originally a warlike people, but have become noted for their peaceful character and docile submission to the nations under whose government they have come.

Armenians claim that their ancestors were Christians before the end of the first century of our era. But their history points back to Gregory the Illuminator, a prince of the royal line of Armenian kings, as the founder of their national church. He was born A. D. 257, and after many persecutions was consecrated in 302 as the head of the Armenian Church. His successors took the title of Patriarch, later of Catholicos, and are elected by the bishops. The Bible was translated into Armenian about 431 A. D. The Armenian Church was part of the Greek Church till the year 491, when its Catholicos solemnly annulled, in full synod, the decrees of the Council of Chalcedon. Since that time it has been a church by itself, which fact has done much to perpetuate the nationality in spite of its people having been absorbed into other nations.

In doctrine it differs but little from the Greek and Roman churches. It has a liturgy of its own, which includes the Nicene Creed and prayers of the fathers used in the Roman Catholic and Episcopal churches. It offers prayers for the dead, but does not believe in purgatory nor allow indulgences. It has several orders of clergy, bishops, priests and deacons, besides minor officers. Priests must marry before they can be ordained, but not after. The priesthood is hereditary, the son assuming it on the death of his father. Baptism, which is by trine immersion, is administered to infants as well as adults, and the Lord's Supper is administered to all baptized persons.

In the sixteenth century the Jesuits succeeded in creating a schism in the church and a new organization, called Catholic Armenians. This movement resulted in severe persecutions by the Turkish Government, till in the middle of the eighteenth century, on petition of the Catholicos, Peter the Great of Russia took the Armenian Church under his care, and since that time its official head has had his residence in the dominion of the czar. There are two other officials bearing the title of Catholicos, also patriarchs at Constantinople and Jerusalem.

In 1831 the American Board began a mission to the Armenians, and at first aimed only to spiritualize the existing church.

The success of the Board aroused opposition and finally the expulsion of Protestants from the national organization made it necessary to form a separate church, for which permission was secured from the sultan in 1850. The missionaries translated the Bible into the modern language, and during the last thirty-five years their work has made remarkable progress. They have organized churches, common and high schools and colleges for both sexes. New life has been infused into the people, and with it, of course, new patriotism and new ambitions. The relations between Protestant and Armenian Christians in recent years have in the main been friendly, and the work of the Board is welcomed and appreciated by a large proportion of the people.

Their present terrible persecutions are provoked by race and religious hatred, but are guided by the Turkish Government to political ends. Turkish Mohammedans believe it their mission to obliterate the Armenian religion, and the Turkish Government has organized the wild and lawless Kurdish Turks, to whom plunder is a yet greater motive for persecution than religion, against them. With Russia as the protector of the adherents of the ancient church, France of the Roman Catholics, and England empowered by the Berlin Treaty to interfere to prevent massacres, the sultan eager to supplant Armenians with loyal Mohammedans along the eastern frontier, with opposition to the present government by the revolutionary party throughout the empire, and the spirit of strife beyond control, the Armenians are being ground between upper and nether millstones, while the United States, whose citizens have done so much to awaken new life in Armenia, cannot but hesitate to interfere, in the interests of humanity, with conditions where our interference may only spread and intensify the terrible bloodshed and massacre which appeals for the sympathy of all mankind.

LET US HONOR THE EDUCATED MINISTRY.

There was never greater need than now for men to preach the gospel. The whole world is open for preachers who can secure attention. Comparing the workers with the opportunity, Christ's words are more true today than in any previous generation, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few," and his command to his disciples to pray for laborers is now most imperative.

But what we do not need especially to pray for at this time is salaried laborers. The supply of that sort, such as it is, more than equals the demand. Any field which is prepared to support a minister as well as the average of the people live in that field can get a minister. What is increasingly needed is more ministers whose qualifications are sufficient to command the high respect of the communities where they labor. Men are wanted equipped to be both mental and spiritual leaders of men.

One sign of spiritual declension is a scarcity of ministers. A sign not less ominous is a multiplicity of ill-trained ministers. It is an evil day for the church when it can command little service without paying for it, when its members would rather pay for it than do it, when those who seek the ministry would rather live on a pittance doled out to them and carry the name of minister,

than attempt to earn a generous living by other labor and do large service for Christ as a free will offering. The multiplicity of little schools to put men into the ministry by short cuts and cheap processes shows a cheapening estimate of the calling and a lessening of its influence. The silver dollar with half the metal value which other nations put into a dollar will pass in this country with the Government stamp on it, for its face value, though it is looked on with some suspicion. But where church and state are separated no stamp is available to put face value on cheap ministers.

A higher appreciation of the office of the ministry would much enhance the popular estimate of the value of religion. All souls are called to make known the gospel of Christ by living it, by showing its gracious meaning to their neighbors and by persuading them to accept it. But not all who can make it known effectively are called to take on themselves the office of the ministry, while those who are called of God to that high office ought so to fit themselves for it as not only to surpass average Christians in holiness, but also in knowledge and mental power and abilities of leadership. We do not insist that every ordained minister shall be a graduate of college and seminary. We would put no obstacle in the way of those few persons whose success has demonstrated their call from God to do his work and bear his official indorsement. But as no other calling is so worthy of honor, so no other profession should have provided for it so thorough preparation. The ministers in every age who have won large success without training in the schools have been exceptions. Most of the eminent preachers of Christianity have been prepared for their work by thorough mental discipline, while those who have not had college training have gained its equivalent by years of hard study. The greatest need in the ministry is not more men but more men; and while native gifts are essential foundation for a man worthy to be a minister, extensive learning and thorough culture are necessary to make those gifts effective. An ignorant ministry means weak churches, declining morals among the people, erratic and enfeebled patriotism.

Most welcome are the efforts of Yale and kindred institutions to elevate the requirements for the ministry. It is time for a turn of the tide in the popular estimate of what constitutes a clergyman. If our associations and conferences appreciate their opportunity, they will take a stand unequivocally for a thoroughly trained ministry. Our churches will demand that their pulpits be filled by men of disciplined mind as well as fervid hearts, and will show that they honor leaders who have searched the deep things of God, who can bring forth out of their treasure things new and old.

THE GOSPEL AND SOCIAL DISTINCTIONS.

Social differences are natural and inevitable. They always have existed and they always will. It is best that they should exist. Society would become monotonous and tiresome without them. But to say this is very different from approving them in all respects as they now are. This no true Christian can do consistently.

So far as pride in some and jealousy and envy in others shape them, they need to

be reformed. So far as those who possess wealth, culture and social leadership look down upon others, they are wrong, and so far as such others allow themselves to feel unkindly towards the former and to belittle their advantages, they too are wrong. But if those privileges and opportunities which confer what we call social superiority are regarded as gifts to be used for the common benefit, as means by which a wide and helpful friendliness may be cultivated, as blessings to be shared instead of guarded for merely one's own enjoyment, only good can result.

Probably we all know some leaders in society, conceded to be such, who are as much beloved by those in a less conspicuous station as by any of their own rank in life. And, were they to be questioned, they would reply that their relations with those whom the world often thoughtlessly terms their inferiors are as delightful and profitable as any which they sustain with others. They have learned that the noblest thing known to humanity is a sterling and consecrated character and that this is to be found quite as often in the humbler walks of life as in those more exalted.

It is common to lay the blame of whatever evil there is in current social distinctions at the door of the socially eminent. But it is not theirs wholly. Often it is not theirs chiefly. Many a time their kindly meant advances are repelled by those who assume that they mean to patronize instead and so fail to give their real sympathy and friendliness opportunity to be revealed. In Christ's kingdom neither rich nor poor are done away with but they "meet together" in living association, the rich forgetting their riches, the poor their poverty, the learned their superiority in wisdom and the ignorant their lack thereof, and all learn brotherliness, and each helps, as each always can help, the others to grow into the likeness of their common Lord.

THE WEEK IN REVIEW.

The National Legislature.

The assembling of the Fifty fourth Congress is an event fraught with much significance to every citizen, whether he realizes it or not. Will the result justify the event? Will the legislators be patriots or partisans? Will national honor be exalted or debased? Will the people's money be wasted or spent frugally? These are questions that must be asked, and they become more and more frequent and insistent as the number of citizens increases who note the incapacity of legislators the world over and the rapid increase of expenditures and debts wherever representative government prevails. Judging by the speech made by Mr. T. B. Reed, just after his nomination by acclamation, at the Republican caucus, the Speaker of the House of Representatives intends to use his powerful influence in defeating crude and hasty legislation, in restraining partisans from proposing laws calculated to upset the business world and in thwarting those who wish to see the United States enter upon war with foreign powers. If Mr. Reed adheres to this program he will increase his reputation for sagacity and statesmanship and do much to incline his fellow-countrymen toward his claims to the presidency of the nation. The partisan differences between the House, the Senate and the Executive seem to preclude the possi-

bility of any partisan legislation, but need not prevent the passage of any laws intended to better the national health. National income, in some way, should be made equal to national needs. National self respect demands a clean cut statement by Congress of the position of the United States as to European interference with other American republics and territory adjacent to the American continent. Turkey, in view of the pledges made to Minister Terrell and broken, the destruction of American property, the violence done to American missionaries, the interruption and confiscation of Americans' mail and the refusal to give *exequaturs* to American consuls, must be given to understand that in the United States she faces a foreign Power which is not compelled to consult with other foreign Powers before she takes a step, nor forced to measure and adjust the vigor of her action by any of the selfish considerations which European Powers must consider as they face the problem of interference and partition of territory.

Turkey and the Missions and Missionaries of the American Board.

Every contributor to and friend of the American Board has a peculiar interest in the present crisis. The letters from the missionaries which are pouring in at the headquarters of the Board in Boston, and the brief cable messages that come from time to time, tell of naught but death and worse than death to the Armenian Christians, destruction of mission property at Harpoot and Marash, and the dire peril of the missionaries who are still at their posts. Enough is now known to warrant the assertion that the Porte has broken the solemn pledges made to Minister Terrell respecting the protection which our missionaries were guaranteed. Nothing but their holy character, their courage, and fear of the nation that stands behind them is protecting them from the bullets and swords of the Kurds and Turks. If the sultan loses entire control of his Moslem subjects, as seems probable, or if in revenge for concerted European interference he gives the word to so many of his subjects as are still loyal to proceed with the work of exterminating Christians, irrespective of their nationality, then we must prepare for the worst possible news from Turkey. The missionaries are in no mood to desert their posts. They are willing and ready to die, if by so doing the best interests of Christianity and the Turkey of the future are to be advanced. Many of them cannot, if they would, leave their posts, and for them to do it would be to withdraw from the native Christian population the only men and women who stand ready to advise, succor and protect. They are needed to dispense the pecuniary aid which Christendom must pour into Armenia this winter if the Christians who have escaped the sword are to survive the cruel cold and the poverty that now prevails in villages and towns that formerly were prosperous and well-to-do. Prayer for the missionaries and their Armenian converts may well arise on the day set apart by the officials of the American Board, but something more than prayer is needed from American Christians, viz., alms.

Turkey and the United States.

Pledges made by the Porte to Minister Terrell, guaranteeing protection to American missions and missionaries, have not been kept. Property belonging to the A. B. C. F. M., aggregating not less than \$138,000

in value, has been destroyed at Harpoot and Marash. Mail from the missionaries in Harpoot, Bitlis and the other posts in the interior to those in Constantinople and to the Board officials in Boston has been delayed, and Minister Terrell has been compelled to complain to the Porte of interference with and the delay of letters addressed to him. Two well-qualified gentlemen, authorized by the United States to serve as consuls at strategic points in the interior, have been denied recognition as such by the Turkish Government, and one of them at least has turned his steps homeward. Here are a sufficient number of indictments to warrant our State Department in assuming an attitude of determination without waiting for any supplementary instructions from Congress or any particular uprising of our people. No payment of money by the Turkish Government, however promptly made, can compensate the American Board for the destruction already wrought at Harpoot and Marash. If Turkey cannot guarantee the inviolability of the mails within her realm then it is important that that fact should be known. If the United States cannot have its diplomats recognized in Turkey, then perhaps Turkey needs to be taught the lesson that the rejection of diplomats is a game that two can play. It is probable that our national legislature will be called upon to note the above facts and define the attitude of the American people toward Turkey.

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, in a speech made to his fellow-Republicans in Boston last week, took a position which is much more likely to be indorsed by Congress than that which was implied in Senator Hoar's letter to President Cleveland. Senator Lodge holds that our duty in Turkey ends when we have succeeded in protecting American citizens and property. It is true that the first impulse of every humane man when he reads of the Armenian atrocities is to wish that they could be ended summarily by some great Power interfering and giving the Turk a dose of his own medicine, but the more all the bearings of the situation are considered and the real welfare of the American missions and missionaries are taken into account the less certain does the individual become that it is the duty of the United States to declare war on Turkey and throw around the Armenian Christians whatever protection we might be able to give.

Turkey, Great Britain, the Powers.

For reasons that will be set forth later, Great Britain's position just now is far from a flattering one to her pride and is not such as to give hope to those who are counting upon her to live up to her treaty obligations and her duty as a great Christian Power. The sultan has toyed with Sir Phillip Currie during the past week and made him march up the hill and then down again. British threats of entering the Dardanelles without the sultan's permission, if refused, have not been carried out. Russia and Germany are not co-operating with the other European Powers in forcing the sultan to begin reforms in Armenia, nor are they insisting upon what is clearly within their treaty rights, namely, each nation's right to have two guard-ships within the Dardanelles. The sultan appreciates this action of Russia and Germany and acts accordingly. It is hardly open to doubt that as soon as he nominally acceded to the plan of reforming the government in Ar-

menia he gave orders for the massacres, accounts of which have curdled the blood of Christendom during the past month. His policy seems to be to settle the Armenian question, not by carrying out administrative reforms, but by extinguishing the population. With fifty thousand Armenians murdered within a month and a population of three hundred thousand so plundered and ravaged that nothing but poverty, cold and famine confront them as the winter opens, the sultan feels confident that, by the time the European Powers cease wrangling over the possible partition of Turkey and really agree to enforce their treaty rights and secure the human rights of all subjects of the sultan, there will be no Christian subjects to govern in Armenia. If Great Britain rises to the moral grandeur of the position which Cromwell took when he sent the message to the Duke of Savoy respecting the persecution of the Protestants of Piedmont, if she decides to do her duty, irrespective of its effect upon her territorial expansion in the future, if she has bound Austria and Italy to her side, as now seems probable, then the sultan may be brought to his knees and the atrocities cease. But at the present writing the outlook for a cessation of the massacres and the ejection of the Turk from Europe does not seem very bright.

NOTES.

Thanksgiving Day in London, Berlin and other European capitals was celebrated heartily and appropriately by the permanent and transient American residents. In London women for the first time sat down to the feast.

Signor Crispi has reiterated in the Italian Parliament the reasons why Italy and the papacy are quite as far apart as they were a half-decade or decade ago. The elevation of Mgr. Satolli to the rank of cardinal, announced last week, and to be consummated soon in Baltimore, is an act of peculiar importance. If Leo XIII's successor must be an Italian, as presumably he must, then Cardinal Satolli has a knowledge, training and spirit which make him a formidable candidate.

Miss Frances E. Willard, in a reply to a protest from the Boston W. C. T. U. women against the recent action of the national W. C. T. U. welcoming Jewish and Roman Catholic women to the ranks of workers against intemperance, has shown how much broader her conception of the mission of the W. C. T. U. is than that of Boston's women. It is but fair to say that the action of the Boston W. C. T. U. was opposed by a representative and influential minority, who were overruled.

Madagascar, it seems, is not merely under the protection of France—it is her possession. The natives, enraged at the success of the French, seem to be turning against all foreigners. Two of the missionaries—and their child—of the London Missionary Society have just been murdered by the Hovas. The Chinese have recently destroyed another French mission, and the Baptist Missionary Society of Great Britain is fearful that its missionaries at Si-ngan, China, who have not been heard from since August, have been murdered.

IN BRIEF.

Next week's issue will be our annual Forefathers' Day number, with an illustrated article by Clifton Johnson on the Pilgrims in Holland and with other material pertinent to the anniversary, which is, we are glad to say, becoming widely observed among our churches.

The report that Judge Terrell, United States Minister to Turkey, is a Mohammedan in disguise is just at this time as mischievous

as it is absurd, which is a very strong statement.

Governor Greenhalge, in his Thanksgiving Day address at Lowell, put the theme of Christian citizenship in its proper setting. "The Christian ought to be a citizen, and the citizen ought to be a Christian."

Christian Endeavorers in Boston are to raise money for suffering Christians in Turkey by giving a concert with 1,000 voices in Music Hall. They ought to bring together an audience worthy of their work and their purpose.

An earnest appeal, signed by Dr. Nehemiah Boynton, S. B. Capen and several other citizens, urging Boston ministers to stir up their congregations to their duties in voting on the license question, ought to bring responses from the pulpits next Sunday.

Surely the appeal for our prayers in behalf of persecuted Armenians will not be unheeded. The officers of the American Board have named Friday of the present week as a day in which the churches may unite in this petition for the deliverance of multitudes of Christians from the cruelties of the Turks.

Spectacular praying our Lord solemnly advised men against. "When thou prayest"—especially for individuals who boast offensively of their disbelief in God—"enter into thy closet and shut thy door." The widespread public announcement that many people in Cleveland and elsewhere were going to pray for Robert G. Ingersoll was as offensive to good taste as it was contrary to the teaching of our Lord.

Rev. Dr. J. L. Withrow of Chicago is to write comments on the Sunday school lessons for the coming year in the *Chicago Record*. That paper is one of the ablest and cleanest of that city. Dr. Withrow will reach a very large Sunday school class through its columns, and the fact that a daily newspaper of this high class considers such a department desirable indicates that public interest in the International Sunday school lessons is not decreasing.

Dean Hodges of the Cambridge Divinity School and the Bishop of Texas appear to be agreed that the Episcopal convention at Minneapolis was "a spiritual fiasco." The dean says further, in an address at the Episcopal Club of Boston, "I don't believe the kingdom of God was set forward an inch by anything done at the convention." Will those noble bishops who wore royal purple vestments at that meeting allow their work to be spoken of in that manner by their colleagues?

Four hundred and twenty names up to date on the General Howard Roll of Honor! That is already a larger number than some faint-hearted people thought would respond to the movement started at Saratoga last June. It is cheering to hear from New York that at the November meeting of the executive committee of the Home Missionary Society it was voted to apply the \$27,910.84 already received on account of the General Howard Fund to the \$134,000 bank debt which has existed since April 1.

The infamous Sheats Law is not being enforced by Florida. The work of the A. M. A. is going on in its school there just as it did before the law was passed. Mr. Sheats seems to lack the support of public opinion in his own State as well as throughout the South, the best of the Southern religious and secular journals having condemned the law because of its inopportune timing if not for its evil principle. The *Northwestern Christian Advocate*, by the way, says that the A. M. A. has done wisely and bravely in deciding to test the constitutionality of the Sheats Law.

The New York Court of Appeals says the right of privacy does not survive death.

"Death deprives us all of rights in the legal sense of the term" is the judicial decree. Privacy for the individual while alive is getting to be so precious and difficult a treasure to guard that it seems inopportune and cruel to deny the relatives of the dead the right to determine when and how the public shall intrude after the death of the individual. "Every one seems to have conspired to profit by the death of my husband" is Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson's suggestive comment upon this question.

It is not the great cities only that are holding mass meetings to protest against the Armenian atrocities. From smaller places rises too the strain of indignation and remonstrance. One of the most demonstrative meetings in New England was at Andover last week. Professor Smyth presided, and resolutions supported by Congregationalist, Episcopalian and Catholic ministers, by ex-Consul Merrill, by Rev. F. D. Greene, late missionary at Van, and by Mr. Santikian, a graduate of the seminary who had escaped from Harpoot before the massacre there, were passed. The college centers at the West also are aroused to action, as the vigorous letter signed by 1,040 citizens of Grinnell, Io., and sent to Lord Salisbury shows. Oberlin, also, has made its position unmistakable.

F. Hopkinson Smith, lighthouse builder, story-teller, story-writer and painter, would better have confined his contribution to the discussion of the state of affairs in Turkey to the defense of Mr. Terrell. But when he attributes the anarchy, rapine and infernal deeds of the past year in Turkey to the plottings of Christian missionaries; when he sneers at their mental attainments; when he extols the typical Turk as "civilized, humane, intelligent, cleanly, pious and chaste"; when he affirms that it is "pure bumpiousness" for Christian missionaries to convert Moslem Turks because the Turks have a "better religion of their own," Mr. Smith simply exposes his nakedness, as it were. He needs a friend who will take him aside and preach him a homily on the disadvantage of being gullible and voluble.

The comparatively few days before the first of January are sufficiently many to permit the realization of the hopes cherished by the friends of Whitman College, that the Congregationalists of the country will raise enough to secure Dr. Pearson's conditional gift. His own confidence in the future of the college is shown by his handing to President Penrose last week his check for \$25,000, his first payment on his promised gift. So persuasive was Dr. Penrose in his address before the Chicago Congregational Club last week that \$1,000 were voted him on the spot from the funds of the club. But \$55,000 remain to be raised in the next twenty-six days. There is no promise of extension of time, and so the future of the college is hanging in the balance, depending apparently upon the immediate response of the friends of Christian education. He gives doubly who gives quickly.

BOOKS, NEWSPAPERS AND CLUB LIFE IN THE SOUTH.

BY G. F. M.

One of the most dramatic and significant of many incidents that I witnessed in the Constitutional Convention of South Carolina was a colloquy between a rural Reformer and an urban Conservative, the latter the youthful Mr. Bryan of Charleston, who, though exceedingly boyish in appearance, seemed to be relied upon by the convention for the most authoritative personal opinion respecting the legal aspect of the convention's action. Mr. Bryan had been giving his reasons for thinking that the section of the constitution relating to

suffrage, which has since been passed, would stand the test of agreement with the Constitution of the United States, as it has been, or is likely to be, interpreted by the Federal Supreme Court. He had been irritated by the interruptions of Senator Irby and others, who had been pleading for the illiterate "poor whites," and finally, throwing aside all reserve, all sectional pride, he said:

Have not we brains enough to manufacture what we consume? We are in bondage! To whom do we pay the tribute money? Gentlemen, what books do you read? Who writes them? Where are they printed? If you do not begin to elevate all your institutions you will be servants not only in material things, but your very thoughts, all that you read and feel, will be those of the stranger. Until you pull your institutions up and keep them high and enter this great civilization about you, you are not emancipated.

Mr. Bryan is one of not a few in the State of South Carolina who realize that the position of the State in the sisterhood of States is far, far below what it once was, and for reasons that have much to do with faulty ethics and ignorance. Just how he and those of his colleagues, who have framed a constitution which, as respects the right of suffrage, they openly confess is so framed as to tolerate fraud for two years more certainly, if not longer, can expect to see the State rise to a higher position is a question we are not called upon to discuss just now. The point is the confession by an aristocrat of Charleston respecting the State of South Carolina, which confession is, to a degree, applicable to the entire South.

As one journeys through the South, visiting typical cities like Richmond, Va., Columbia, S. C., and Augusta or Atlanta, Ga., no phenomenon is more apparent and significant, to a New Englander at least, than the lack or inferiority of the public libraries and the cheap grade of the bookstores. It is true that in the *ante bellum* days the ruling caste of the South read *belles lettres*, imported from abroad fine editions of the classics, and had an acquaintance with the best literature of Europe and the North, but the contribution of the South to American literature, until a comparatively recent date, has been exceedingly meager, and the Southern authors today who are highly esteemed and rewarded by popular demand for their books rely upon the editors of Northern periodicals and Northern readers for the financial recompense that compensates to some degree for the talent they display. An editor in Richmond, Va., that historic city which for so many years has been the home of some of the most influential and cultivated people of the South, confessed to me that Buffalo Bill took away from the city in one day more money than had been expended for books during the previous year by all the citizens of Richmond. Book reviews, advertisements of books and much that is found in the pages of the Northern papers respecting the intellectual life are wanting in Southern newspapers of the same grade. There are signs, however, on the editorial pages of such papers as the *Richmond Times*, the *Columbia State*, the *Atlanta Constitution* and the *Atlanta Journal* of a breaking away from past traditions, of an openness to sentiments that hitherto have been alien to the South, and a display of energy and enterprise that indicate that a new era in Southern journalism has dawned. Fraudulent voting and lynching are being denounced unsparingly, the human and political rights of the Negro are being defended and sectional animosities discouraged.

The multiplication of clubs for women in the South, the marked advance of the woman suffrage cause, the broadening of the sphere of action and range of thought of the Southern woman, are bound to influence most profoundly the future of the South. Thus far, to be sure, most of the clubs have, speaking in a general way, devoted their attention to matters connected with personal, family and sectional history, but contact with such women as Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, Mrs. Edna D. Cheney and the other eminent Northern women who have been South now for two years in succession promoting the advancement of women and developing the club idea, must inevitably have its effect, and ere long we shall find them engaged in the study of those distinctively literary, philosophical and political questions which are now the subjects of investigation by so many of their Northern sisters. The organization of the Daughters of the Confederacy and the marked and rapid growth of the Daughters of the Revolution mean that as in the North so in the South more attention than ever before is to be paid to cherishing and preserving all documents, portraits and relics of any kind identified with the great political and military events of our history. How rich the South is in material pertaining to Colonial history and to the War of Independence was proved most conclusively to any one who studied the collection gathered by Southern women and displayed in the Woman's Building at the Atlanta Exposition, or to one who inspected and appreciated the remarkable collection of portraits by Ramsey, Copley, Gilbert Stuart, Sully, Scarborough and Jarvis, which the women of Charleston, S. C., brought together and used to adorn the Assembly Hall in the Woman's Building. How meager and pathetically incomplete the collections of relics and documents pertaining to the rebel side of the Civil War is as yet must have been equally apparent to any one who visited the Hall of Confederate Relics on the exposition grounds. But no wonder! The South hitherto has had no time or money to expend in collecting or housing such collections. But they will be formed in the future and the Daughters of the Confederacy will have much to do with the work.

These women also have for a cardinal principle of their order the inculcation in the minds of their children of the righteousness of the Lost Cause. They are insisting upon the production of a history of the great conflict that can be used both as a text-book in the Southern schools and as a source of information in the home and be relied upon to produce the results which they desire to secure. According to a recent editorial in the *Atlanta Constitution*, the Hon. J. L. M. Curry, late United States minister to Spain and the agent for the distribution of the Peabody Fund, has just written and published a book which is satisfactory. A recent *School History of the United States*, by Susan Pendleton Lee, published in Richmond, Va., would also seem to satisfy the demand. The fact to be faced is that certain views respecting the character of slavery, the Constitution of the United States and the result of the Civil War are not extinct nor are they likely to become so, and it will be very interesting as well as important to note carefully how Northern book publishers who are striving eagerly for Southern patronage adjust themselves to the situation.

The Rise of a New School in Fiction.

By Rev. Henry Van Dyke, D. D.

If it be a fault I must confess, or if it be a virtue I will dare to boast, that I am a fond, assiduous reader of fiction. It appears to me one of those luxuries of the intellectual life which are less dispensable than its necessities. A large part of the world's best literature, sacred and secular, is in the form of fiction. Without the parables Holy Writ would be incomplete. And he who desires to understand the development of human manners and morals through the centuries, and especially to be in living touch with the thought and feeling of this present age, must seek intimacy with poems and romances, novels and tales, in which men have expressed, consciously or unconsciously, their deepest convictions, highest hopes and dearest sentiments, not only in regard to their fellowmen, but also in regard to those secrets and eternal laws which underlie all human joy and sorrow.

Reading fiction is something more than a legitimate amusement. It is a part of a liberal education. I think upon the whole a man today would lose little more by giving up newspapers than by giving up novels. And because a minister, of all men, has the greatest need of knowing human nature as it is, and of sympathizing with it as it ought to be, a course in novel-reading is a thing to be desired in every theological seminary.

To one who looks at the subject in this light, the rise of a new school in fiction is an affair of no small moment. It means, at first sight, simply the opening of a new fountain of pleasure in the life of man. And that, if the pleasure be pure and harmless, is a thing to be glad of. But when we think deeper it means more. It means the discovery of something that has been forgotten or neglected in man's reflection of his own existence. It means that the art of fiction has found a new theme, or recovered an old one which has been lost so long that it seems new. Or, at the least, it means that writers who have something to tell us about the familiar mystery and the simple wonder of human life have found a new way of telling it, or put such vital spirit into an old way that it is rejuvenated.

Now one of these things, perhaps more than one, has been done by a group of Scottish writers who have come into reading during the last ten years. James Barrie opened *A Window in Thrums* and people looked through it with a thrill of surprise and delight at the pathos and humor of peasant life in Scotland. The Rev. S. R. Crockett brought us acquainted with *A Stickit Minister*, and we recognized, as if it were a new discovery, that a minister might also be a man. Rev. John Watson (Ian Maclaren), bade us to sit down with him Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush, and as we listened our hearts were melted to kindly laughter and healing, grateful, holy tears.

What was it that made us ready to welcome these books? What was it that prepared, or found for them and for their successors, *Auld Licht Idylls*, *The Little Minister*, *The Raiders*, *The Lilac Sunbonnet*, *The Men of the Moss-Hags*, so many eager and delighted readers?

Doubtless the law of reaction in literary taste had something to do with it. The diet of realism in fiction had been carried

too far and kept up too long. The realistic method, wholesome and useful as it is in itself, had been forced into a fad. Clever novels of small talk, in which the people made epigrams and analyzed emotions into their constituent atoms; and dreary novels of the commonplace, in which the dullness and monotony of life were painted to the perfection of fatigue; and morbid novels of sin, which took for granted that there was but one real passion in human nature, as if the Seventh were the only Commandment, and the only interest of life lay in breaking it—all these kinds of novels, of which there was no lack, had begun to pall upon the appetite. People were ready and hungry for something very different.

But I do not suppose that the something different would have found just such a welcome as was given to these Scotch books unless it had also been something very good. There are reasons, other than mere novelty and contrast, why these simple, earnest, sound-hearted stories charm our attention and run in our ears like music.

For one thing, they take us out of doors, out of ourselves, and to Scotland. We read, as we travel, for new impressions. The letter carrier who spent his holiday walking over his familiar route was not judicious. It is stupid to be always reading about the people whose dress and speech, and manners and prejudices, and faults and virtues are precisely what we see every day. We should go abroad every now and then in our minds, if not in our bodies. We should have an interest outside of our business and our family circle. And though we find something too magnificent for us in Dr. Johnson's exhortation,

Let observation with extensive view
Survey mankind from China to Peru,

at least we should do well to take a dream ship as far as Glasgow, and make a little foot journey in thought through the heathery hills.

It must be remembered that some races, like the regions in which they have been bred, are naturally picturesque. I should almost like to use a new word and call them "literatesque." They have a quality, nameless and indefinable, which makes them fit to put into books. Strangely enough there was a time, not so very long ago, when this quality was expressly denied to Scotland and the Scotch. Dugald Stewart said: "The influence of Scottish associations, so far as it is favorable to antiquity, is confined to Scotchmen alone, and furnishes no resources to the writer who aspires to a place among the English classics. Nay, such is the effect of the provincial situation to which Scotland is now reduced that the transactions of former ages are apt to convey to ourselves exaggerated conceptions of barbarism from the uncouth and degraded dialect in which they are recorded." An amazing verdict! But Robert Burns and Walter Scott and Dr. John Brown and Robert Louis Stevenson have changed all that. The glory of that rugged little land, the depth and beauty of that national character, the power of that homely, inward, heartfelt speech to reach the secret spot where mirth and pity lie hidden side by side are known to all men. On the poets' and novelists' map of the

world the Scottish highlands are now marked as "very rich in precious ores." A hundred associations with works of genius make the country and the people familiar and dear to us. We have listened with delight to Wilson's *Tales of the Borders* and Galt's *Annals of the Parish*. And now that this new generation of Scotch storytellers comes to invite us back again, we say of their country, as Wordsworth said of the Vale of Yarrow:

I see—but not by sight alone,
Loved Yarrow, have I won thee;
A ray of fancy still survives—
Her sunshine plays upon thee.

Another element that has given these books success is the reality of their idealism. Some critics talk as if there were only two possible atmospheres in fiction: the atmosphere of scented moonshine which pervades the romances of the Laura-Matilda school, and the atmosphere of the sewer which poisons the novels of the dramshop school. But, in fact, the true air of fiction, and that which some readers have always loved to breathe, is neither perfumed nor poisoned, but clear and fresh and wholesome, revealing things as they are, stirred and quickened by those winds of spiritual impulse which come down from the hills, and transfigured often by the light that shines from above.

Realism, as Mr. D. G. Thompson has pointed out in his admirable book on *The Philosophy of Fiction*, is only a method after all. It is not in the least opposed to idealism, indeed, it is essential to the attainment of the best results of idealism. For of what use is it to present the finest ideal characters unless they can be realized by the imagination? And how can that be except through the most careful study of truth in local color and speech and action? I knew a man who was writing a romance of the first century. He had to describe a long ride from Persia to Babylon and then across the desert. He thought it worth while to read through nine books of travel and ancient geography describing the region, and to take a desert journey, in order that he might make his picture true to the facts. Stevenson had the habit of making maps of his stories. From Mr. Barrie's books it would be easy to construct the topography of Thrums. When we have read Ian Maclaren, we know how people really look and talk and act in *Dramtochty*.

Idealism is not a method; it is a principle. It is simply the conviction that all men and women who are worth writing about really have ideals and are really moved by them. If not, they are not fit subjects for literature any more than a company of animals, wild or tame—indeed, much less than Mr. Kipling's "jungle people," for they have their ideals and are true to them.

The charm of the men and women and even the little children in *Auld Licht Idylls* and *The Little Minister*, *The Bonnie Brier Bush* and *The Stickit Minister* is that they are real and genuine; yet they do not seem like puppets in the hands of fate, or creatures whose only moving and controlling power is animal instinct. In each one we see the shining spark of personality, and from their lives we hear the voices of deep human affection and ab-

lent hope and generous effort and divine faith, which are, in fact, the guiding forces of man's life. In the best of them all, Dr. William MacLure, we catch an immortal vision of that love which is greater than faith or hope, the love which makes a man "lay down his life for his friends."

Books that are written in this spirit cannot fail to be cheering, strengthening, helpful companions in life's journey. They bring tears, but they bring also consolation. They show the shadows of life, but they make us feel that after all and everywhere, for the true, the honest, the loyal heart, it is worth living. And we ought not to be forgetful, nor unthankful, that books have been written in our own land and of our own people, in the same spirit and with no less truth and tenderness than these Scotch stories. In Louisiana Mr. George W. Cable, in the mountains of Kentucky and Tennessee Mr. James Lane Allen, in Virginia Mr. Thomas Nelson Page, in New England Miss Jewett and Miss Wilkins and Mrs. Slosson and a score of others, and in the West the new writers who are coming up to interpret the new life—how impossible it is to name all our American story tellers whose work is made lovely by this spirit of real idealism. They hold up the glass to human nature but through it we catch sight of the eternal stars.

And shall we turn from this literature, which teaches us to enjoy life and helps us to endure it, to the novels of naturalism and fatalism and pessimism, which leave us exhausted, weary and despairing? Let it not be so at least until our beautiful cities of refuge in the nobler fiction have failed us and cast us out. For surely there is a wise counsel for the life of imagination as well as for the life of action in Katrina Trask's lyric:

When we have done the best we can
To help uplift our fellowman,
To ease his load of care and sin,
Yet all in vain: we may begin
All human nature to deplore—
But not before!

When we have prayed with trusting mind
And in our heart no answer find;
When we have done his utmost will
And yet are left in darkness still;
Then caring doubt we may express—
But not unless!

BOSTON BOOK-PLATES.

BY O. M. E. ROWE.

The first settler of Boston was a college bred man and his cabin on Beacon Hill included books among the necessities of simple living. Fire consumed this first Boston library and history is silent about William Blaxton's book-plate. Most of the first settlers were men of scholarly tastes, and, following English ideas, probably marked their books with the customary plates. Many valuable books with early plates, stored in the belfry of the Old South Church, were destroyed by the British. Fortunately, there still exist *ex libris* belonging to members of the Boston Tea Party, eleven of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, the two presidents whom Massachusetts produced, besides other patriots, governors, old-time merchants and divines. They are links with the past, giving a touch of each man's individuality.

The primary intention of a book plate is simply to indicate the owner. But many of them are intricate and beautiful engravings, which have engaged the skill of famous engravers like Dürer, Hogarth, Marshall, Bewick, Bartolozzi and even Raphael Morgan. A few centuries ago, when books were chiefly the possession of the rich and

titled, libraries were handed down for generations and bore the family coat of arms and motto stamped on the outside of each volume or engraved on paper and pasted within the cover. Democratic tendencies prejudiced many early Americans against armorial book-plates. Rev. Thomas Prince, for forty years pastor of the Old South Society, used a name-label, which is the simplest form of book-plate. Sometimes the name was surrounded by wreath or ribbon or quaint, ornamental borders, within which also appeared a motto.

Heraldic book-plates are among the most elaborate, whether in the elegant Early English designs, the dignified, heavy carved effects of the Jacobean style or the more riotous, flowery grace of the Chippendale order. When the latter overstepped refinement, becoming profuse and weak, English common sense returned to simpler forms, just as the national conservatism adopted Perpendicular architecture, when English Gothic grew florid in the Decorated period.

The ribbon-and-wreath style came in with the Revolution. Garlands, festoons and waving ribbons in quaint or graceful lines encircled armorial shields. Designs also included allegorical subjects, portraits, library interiors and landscapes. The colo-



nists followed the English modes until the war interrupted communication, when native talent for engraving was developed. It is interesting to observe that intense national feeling generated a patriotism which affected even book-plates, on which appeared the flag, the eagle, the thirteen stars and patriotic mottoes.

Early American book-plates, whether foreign or native designs, are now greatly sought and collectors are specially proud to possess the work of Nathaniel Hurd or Paul Revere. The plate of George Washington brings a very high price, partly because it is scarce and also on account of American hero worship. No other American plate has been honored with a counterfeit. Washington was fond of the pomp and circumstance of position and naturally his book-plate is elaborate. The family arms rest on a shell-shaped shield, surrounded by floral sprays, and below is the motto on a ribbon and the first president's name in script. Washington's library, largely agricultural, was bought for \$4 000, nearly fifty years ago, by the Boston Athenæum of Beacon Street. It is kept in a locked case set in a fire-proof room.

These books show that Washington usually wrote his name on the right hand corner of the title-page, besides putting his plate on the inside of the cover. The poor quality of the engraving and certain heraldic blunders indicate its American workmanship. It is said that a Philadelphian owned

the original copper plate and, not many years ago, after striking off a number of prints, cut in pieces the precious bit of copper and threw them into the Schuylkill River! The motto, "*Exitus acta probat*," is not found in the Washington arms and the patriot probably referred to the American Revolution, but recent critics have



meanly made a Jesuitical interpretation—"The end shows the deed."

Mottoes are an interesting feature of book-plates and all literature and all languages have been taxed to this end. A book lover adopts the motto of his family or chooses one for personal reasons. The borrowing habit has furnished mottoes for many plates, for instance, "Go ye rather to them that sell and buy for yourselves" [Matt. 25: 9]. Another from the Bible shows ingenuity: "And ye shall keep me until the fourteenth day. And it shall be when thou hast made an end of reading this book. Send me away to my master" [Ex. 12: 6; Jer. 51: 63; Gen. 24: 54]. But for robust candor nothing can surpass the following: "This book was bought and paid for by D. C. Colesworthy. Borrowing neighbors are recommended to supply themselves in the same manner. Price seventy-five cents."

Another discourager of borrowing put on his plate: "Bookkeeping taught in three words—never lend them." The same intent, more elegantly phrased, is the "*Sum cuique*," of George Ticknor's plate, now to be seen on his incomparable Spanish collection, one of the treasures of the Boston Public Library. Certainly, the rare editions and costly volumes of a bibliophile may not be righteously borrowed. But is selfishness less deplorable in one's library than in other possessions? The motto often expresses the praise of learning or sometimes is a play on the owner's name. A Boston bacteriolo-



gist has cleverly incorporated his name in "*Ernst ist das Leben*."

States, municipalities, schools, colleges, clubs, societies and publishers, as well as libraries public and private, possess book-plates. But far greater interest attaches to the plates of individuals, especially those endeared to the public by their deeds or writings. Massachusetts is rich in this regard. Many are the famous men connected

with Boston whose book-plates are known. Daniel Webster's is the plain armorial style, and above his autograph is a ribbon surrounding the heart shaped shield and bearing the motto, "*Vera pro gratis*"—alas that he ever forgot to be "true rather than pleasing." Edward Everett's was similar in style, with the motto, "*Patria veritas fides*," which well expresses the animus of the man. The volumed treasures of the blind historian, William H. Prescott, were accessible by a secret staircase in his home, 55 Beacon Street, which still stands. He marked them with a plain armorial plate and his father's motto, "*Nil conscire sibi*." Ralph Waldo Emerson used his father's armorial plate and its motto, "*Fidem servabo*." Sometimes the profession is indicated. Dr. John C. Warren, the famous surgeon of the Revolution, in addition to his crest, had the serpent and rod of Æsculapius on his plate.

In recent times there are many interesting book-plates, that of Oliver Wendell Holmes being specially appropriate. It shows an exquisitely engraved nautilus shell, under which is a ribbon bearing the legend, "*Per ampliora ad altiora*" and below, the name in script. Desolate indeed was Boston



when the gentle Autocrat verified the prophecy of his incomparable song:

Till thou at last art free
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea.

Thomas Bailey Aldrich, now our foremost poet, has a valuable library of poetry in first editions and rare examples. His plate represents a square frame with his three names on the sides and top, and on the base "His Mark." This incloses a comic mask from which a ribbon swirls upward making a perch for a daw, suggesting at once the charming Margery of his early story. Another poet, Arlo Bates, identifies his books by a plate showing a library interior, the print in half tones giving a rich effect. Longfellow took for his motto, "*Non clamor sed amor*," which came to him from an anonymous poem:

Not voice but vow,
Not harp-string but heart-string,
Not loudness but love
Sounds in the ear of God.

Book plates are a personal expression. It is this individual quality that gives them special significance. They cover a wide range of sentiment and are beautiful or inartistic, dignified or paltzy, sometimes even grotesque, according to the taste of the owner. In these days of enormous publishing, most cultivated persons are ambitious to gather a library, and a book-plate is a necessary accessory. Many artists have taken up this branch of art and in Edmund H. Garrett, the well-known illustrator, Boston has one of the best book plate designers in America.

The family crest is always allowable in a book-plate, though some Americans consider it an affectation. No contempt is too great for those who assume one not theirs by inheritance. Large sums are expended to discover a legitimate coat-of-arms. An Astor employed a scholar from the British Museum to find his genealogy, and two years of searching in European archives traced his descent to an ancient Spanish grandee, from whom the desired escutcheon was taken, the clew ending in freebooters of the Middle Ages.

Collecting book-plates is a costly fad but a rewarding one, for it involves a study of history, biography, heraldry and engraving. The value of a plate depends on its age, rarity, quality of engraving, historic or literary associations and whether signed or not. The finest collection ever made contained about 100,000 examples from many nationalities and was gathered by two generations of Englishmen. Nothing in America approaches this in extent. The famous collection of Mauran in Newport only contained 3,500 specimens. The largest and most complete as regards Americana belongs to Richard C. Lichtenstein of Boston. His plates are classified alphabetically, mounted individually on thin paper and put in a quarto volume, bound in morocco and handsomely tooled. Eben N. Hewins has classified his valuable collection by styles and given them permanent beauty in costly albums. Another notable Boston collection is owned by Fred J. Libbie.

There is a distinguished Ex Libris Society in London to which Boston collectors are proud to belong. The literature of book-plates indicates the measure of interest, indeed, a complete bibliography would fill many pages. Readers who wish to pursue this subject will enjoy *American Book-Plates*, by Charles Dexter Allen of Hartford, a book to which the present writer is indebted for much information. One word more. It is worth while to search old libraries and the garrets of old houses, for they sometimes hold within dusty covers valuable but neglected book-plates.



WILLIAM PRESCOTT

STAFF CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM THE INTERIOR.

Resignation of Dr. John Henry Barrows.

The friends of this distinguished clergyman throughout the country, and they are found in every denomination, regret more than they can express his decision to lay down the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church, Chicago, which he has filled with such splendid ability for more than fourteen years, in order to enter upon the wider ministry connected with a missionary lectureship in India. He had previously asked his session to release him for six months next year, in order that he might visit India and give the lectures which had been promised, but the session decided unanimously that so long an absence would be detrimental to the best interests of the church, which just now is in rather a peculiar condition through removals and the necessity of seeking a new location in the near future. The resignation of Dr. Barrows

took the congregation entirely by surprise, and the whole city as well. No man has ever been more popular with his people. Both session and congregation are a unit in regretting his decision to leave them, and only reluctantly acquiesce in the separation which is so soon to take place. He will preach his last sermon Feb. 16, and immediately sail for Germany where he will spend ten months in special studies for the India lectureship, returning home, if Providence spares his life, in the spring of 1897 to enter again upon the work of the ministry.

It need hardly be said that Dr. Barrows has been one of the most successful ministers Chicago has ever had. His pulpit ministrations have been of the highest order, his interest in whatever concerns the welfare of the city or the world has been evident to all, while in his connection with the Parliament of Religions his catholic and Christian spirit drew closely to him even those whose religious views differed widely from his. Fortunate will that church be which secures him as pastor when he returns from his work abroad.

A Christian Hotel Keeper.

A noble and familiar figure has been taken from our civic life in the not altogether unexpected, yet really sudden, death of John B. Drake, for twenty years the head of the firm which made the Grand Pacific Hotel one of the best hotels in the world. Mr. Drake may be said to have been the inaugurator of the modern system of hotel keeping. An ardent Republican, a public minded citizen, a man of wide but unostentatious charity, a constant supporter of the First Presbyterian Church, a delightful companion and a true friend, his vacant place will not be easily filled. For many years the Grand Pacific was the headquarters of Congregational ministers and the favorite place for the monthly meeting of the Congregational Club. Other denominations were also at home in this famous caravansary. For several months the hotel has been closed, the building unoccupied and its owners undecided what use to make of it.

Student Heroism.

Seven young men belonging to the Northwestern University, and members of the life-saving crew at Evanston, responded to the appeals of a perishing crew off Glencoe Monday night, and by their bravery and endurance saved the lives of thirty-six persons, all on board the doomed vessels. Signs of danger were detected early in the evening by Mr. H. D. Lloyd of Glencoe, who tried to communicate with Evanston at once, but neither telegraph nor telephone would work. Nothing could be done but send his coachman through the storm. To make the eight miles from Glencoe to Evanston in the face of the blinding snow and cutting wind was an act of self-endurance which ought not to be forgotten. Not less brave or self-forgetful of their personal suffering was the prompt response of the crew and their readiness to risk their lives for the sake of those who were battling with the waves and about to perish when so near their homes. No wonder that President Rogers has called the attention of the students of the university to this brave deed and congratulated them that young men so ready to risk and endure are among their number.

Chicago, Nov. 30.

FRANKLIN.

The Long Island Latin School, a Congregational institution in Patchogue, commences its first term with thirty-one students.

A considerable part of the faculty and trustees of Gates College have withdrawn from it and founded a new institution at Norfolk, drawn by offers of land and money from a real estate company in the latter town. If any one wants to give money to either of these institutions in northwestern Nebraska, or to both of them, no doubt it will be accepted; and not a little Eastern money, we fear, has been sent to the West to no better purpose.

The Home

SYMPATHY.

BY EMMA C. DOWD.

He voiced no word of cheer, spoke no regrets;
With tender eyes he sat by me a space;
He laid within my hand some violets,
And then was gone. But comfort filled the place.

In the new Life of Queen Victoria, just published by Roberts Brothers, is an extract from one of her letters written at a time when her husband was carrying unusually heavy burdens. She nobly sustained him with a loving courage, and wrote to her Uncle Leopold: "I never was calmer, quieter or less nervous. Great events make me calm. It is only trifles that irritate my nerves." This ability to rise to a great emergency and inspire others with a new faith is an admirable trait of character and not confined to royalty. But too often it accompanies extreme irritability concerning trifles. We have seen women who would go through the experiences of bereavement, horrible accidents and loss of property with an unflinching heroism and yet be upset by a nick in the china or the ruin of a bonnet in a shower. Inasmuch as severe discipline is the exception in life and petty annoyances the daily rule, it is well to cultivate a serene spirit towards minor ills. One reason, no doubt, why a great sorrow or disaster is more bravely endured is that we do not undertake to meet these exigencies in our own strength. But is not the Lord as able to furnish grace for the lesser need as the greater?

THE WEAKNESS OF GIVING UP THE BATTLE.

BY MRS. M. E. SANOSTER.

A few weeks ago the city of Richmond, Va., was startled and horrified by the suicide of a girl whose lover, after a long engagement, had shown himself weary of the bond between them. The circumstances were sad, the affair tragic, and society was deeply moved with pity at the untimely end of one who had been useful, admired and popular in a refined circle. Recently a ripple of compassion and horror agitated for a day or two the towns of New York and Brooklyn, the occasion again being the death by her own act of a young girl, a graduate of one of our best schools, and an enthusiastic art student. In the second case, failure to pass an examination successfully, after a long and arduous period of endeavor, is supposed to have temporarily clouded the girl's mind and forced her across the narrow line which physicians tell us defines the border land between sanity and insanity.

Would it not be well in our thought and talk at home and elsewhere to emphasize more than we do the great sacredness of human life, the privilege of living and working, and the sin of flying to death as a refuge when the battle goes against us. At the moment of defeat, in the hour of a heartbreak, it is hard for the sufferer to realize that the trouble is a mere episode, that it will pass, that in a few months, or, at most, in a few years, it will recede into unimportance, or that experience will show that nothing else would have been so good for the individual, so sweet in its fruitage, so blessed to every one involved in the indi-

vidual's circle of influence, as just that disappointment or defeat.

Yet thousands can testify that the outcome of sorrow is not only disciplinary and by way of training, but positively towards fuller happiness and more benignant living. I knew intimately, some years ago, a woman who told me that once in a critical hour of her life she stood holding in her hand a vial containing a deadly poison, Satan at her elbow tempting her to drink it and escape from the apparently bottomless gulf of distresses in which she was plunged. She resisted the wicked and insane impulse, God helping her to overcome it, and lived to see that only such unusual trials as were hers could have given her unique powers and opportunities. "Tell the tempted," she said, "that the only safe way is always, when the Father's hand presents the bitter cup, to drink it, saying 'Thy will be done.'" It is not long since I talked with this lady and heard from her own lips what the goodness of God had enabled her to do—the story of the hundred-fold harvest rewarding the faithful seed-sowing. Suppose she had weakly abandoned the field, leaving a dishonored name and the legacy of a never-waning regret to her family and friends. How much nobler to endure and to do the day's work, and to trust God for the end, and to the end!

Young people are very apt to regard stepping-stones as finalities. A lover breaks faith. The girl, in her own sight humiliated and hurt to the core of her being, shrinks from sight and feels as if her world is in ruins. The truth is that nobody is ever humiliated by the wrongdoing of another, and that he who can be false and fickle is not what love had fancied, and is merely a broken ideal. Broken ideals bruise the heart, but, if it is strong and stanch, they do not break it. I think of a life, absolutely angelic in its continual beautiful largesse of love, its sheltering wings to the aged and the child, its grace of purity, its might of tenderness, yet there was a day, a score of years ago, when she who lives it saw herself deserted by the man who had her trothplight, and sat in a darkened chamber all the day his wedding bells rang out. It isn't only that she is happier, not being that man's wife; she is richer in privilege, stronger for work, sweeter, more useful, more sympathetic, diviner by the touch of the Master's hand that bade her suffer and helped her to rise and shake off the bondage of pain.

To the student who has lived at high pressure and strained every nerve to reach the goal, it is an unspeakable disappointment to fail in an examination. But examinations are fallible men and women, and examinations are not always the best nor the truest indexes of progress, and, anyway, if one can but have philosophy, there will come another day when, with increased study and another endeavor, the examination will be successfully undergone. I know that six months in a young life looks like a large section of eternity, that sometimes the disappointment means criticism and censure at home and loss of money, which was hardly earned and ill to spare. Nevertheless, if one has made diligent and faithful preparation, one must not be disheartened. It is, somehow, all right, even if it does not look so, and you will live to see that it is so. The foolish and the weak thing is to be crushed; the most unwise thing in the world is to slip down in des-

peration, unable to take the comfort that the darkest day,
Live till tomorrow will have passed away.

Soul and body are such close partners that both must be relied upon for help when the situation seems almost intolerable. For the soul, seek the good old weapon called all-prayer. It never failed any who wielded it aright. For the body, no matter how intense the trial, at least make an effort to eat and to sleep. Do nothing rashly, without having taken food and without a night's rest. And always remember that it is ignoble to run away. Only weakness gives up the battle.

WHAT TO READ ON ART.

BY ESTELLE M. HURLL.

"What book on art would you advise a perfect ignoramus to read?" exclaimed a bright young friend of mine as we stood one day looking at some foreign photographs in a shop window. We had been admiring Michael Angelo's David, noting the contrast of its rugged strength with the perfectly molded features of the Olympian Hermes beside which it lay. In connection with the thoughts suggested by these two pictures, my mind reverted to J. A. Symonds's comparison of Greek and Italian sculpture in the first chapter of his Renaissance of Fine Arts in Italy, and my friend's question called forth the immediate recommendation of this remarkable book.

The questioner who vaguely asks for suggestions on reading "art" merely wishes in a general way to have some sort of understanding of the pictures he sees from day to day. Now there are two distinctly different ways of helping this "ignoramus." We may set him to work at a systematic course of reading in the history of art, carry him back to prehistoric times and put Lübke into his hands. This is the highly approved method of the systematic and learned, an excellent way if one has a teacher and intends to pursue a thorough course of study. But "ignoramus" is apt to find it rather stupid. He is not accustomed to heavy or technical reading and is in a hurry to get at the heart of things. In such a case he will be best helped by being directed to a book which answers the very question which first arouses his curiosity. If the Faun of Praxiteles and the Venus of Melos impress him with their tranquil beauty, give him something to read about Greek sculpture. If the Sistine Madonna calls out his admiration, give him something on Raphael. If, as in the case I have cited, the David attracts his attention, give him something which will show him Michael Angelo's greatness. From either point of departure he cannot fail to find much that is inspiring, and will thus be naturally led into new fields of research.

A practical way to help beginners is to refer them to the class of books in which are grouped together some of the great paintings treating a given theme. I mean such books as Mrs. Jameson's Sacred and Legendary Art, Legends of the Monastic Orders, and Legends of the Madonna; Farrar's Life of Christ in Art; Henry Van Dyke's Christ Child in Art; Theodore Child's Young People and Old Pictures, published in England; and a more recent and less pretentious book on a similar subject called Child Life in Art. My thought is that it is easier to start from the standpoint of some familiar subject. The name of Leonard

da Vinci, for instance, may be quite meaningless to the reader, whereas the subject of the Last Supper is a familiar matter. Turning to this subject as treated by Mrs. Jameson and by Archdeacon Farrar, he will find an interesting comparative study of the different methods of representing it, and, learning how pre-eminently beautiful is the work by Leonardo, he begins to feel an interest in the personality of this artist. Here, then, is an excellent beginning. Let him follow up the subject and learn something of the life and work of this strange genius. This is a simple illustration of one of the many ways in which books of this kind may lead to more systematic art study.

Let us now suppose that we have chosen some special artist as a starting point, to what books shall we go for information? We might select first some treatise on the history of painting, such as that by Woltmann and Woermann in two huge volumes, which is exceedingly valuable for general information, but we get more satisfactory results when we use the books devoted specifically to the various schools of art in different countries. Thus, in the study of English art, we may use Allan Cunningham's *Lives of the Most Eminent British Painters*. On Spanish art we have the voluminous and splendid work by Sir William Stirling Maxwell, the *Annals of the Artists of Spain*, which together with Charles B. Curtis's valuable catalogue of the works of Velasquez and Murillo make an exhaustive study of the subject possible. On French art we have an excellent critical and descriptive hand-book in Mrs. Clara Cornelia Stranahan's *History of French Painting*. The Barbizon School is treated in an interesting book by D. C. Thompson. On the art of the North we have as a standard work Kugler's *Handbook of the German, Flemish and Dutch Schools* (2 vols.), which has been revised by Crone in accordance with the views of late authorities on the subject. Another delightful book is Fromentin's *Old Masters of Belgium and Holland*. Timothy Cole's new book of engravings from Old Dutch Masters may be added to this list.

On Italian art we have, of course, the great number of works which we should expect in this rich field. Vasari's *Lives*, the fountain head of information, are, unfortunately, so full of inaccuracies, blunders, exaggerations and fabrications that they cannot be depended upon. Similarly we must regard with suspicion all those books written early in the century when Vasari was still unchallenged, such as Lanzl's, Lord Lindsay, Rio, etc. Kugler's valuable *Handbook of the Italian Schools*, however, has been revised by Sir Henry Layard in accordance with recent discoveries and modern criticism and is considered the most complete and accurate treatment of the subject in the given space. A much more popular work, which is also newly revised by modern standards, is Mrs. Jameson's *Early Italian Painters*. This does not lay claim to be exhaustive, but it treats all the prominent artists and enlivens the reader with vivacious anecdotes and poetic descriptions. I might also mention Mrs. Oliphant's charming chapters on Florentine and Venetian artists in her *Makers of Florence and Makers of Venice*. To put one's self in touch with the spirit of the Italian Renaissance is a necessary condition for understanding the history of Italian art, and in her captivating way she goes far towards establishing a sympathetic connection be-

tween the nineteenth century reader and the "Cinquecento."

Mr. Symonds accomplishes the end in the splendidly philosophic way of which he was master. His volumes on the Renaissance in Italy completely portray this period in all the varying phases of its manifold life. The volume on the fine arts is a book of general interest to almost any reader, one to recommend above all others to an intelligent beginner. It is not a book of dry facts, it gives no formal biographies, enumerates no long lists of works. Its object is to show how art in all its forms was the dominant note in Italian civilization, and the distinctive work of each of the great masters is characterized by a few wonderful strokes of the pen, which make a lasting impression upon the mind. Leonardo is the "wizard" of the Renaissance, Raphael the "Phœbean singer," Correggio the "faun," and Michael Angelo the "prophet." Thus one by one they stand out before us in their leading characteristics.

Morelli's *Critical Studies of Italian Painters* created a perfect revolution in the existing methods of art study. The work consists of two volumes treating the Italian paintings in the galleries of Munich, Dresden and Rome, and mentioning incidentally many works scattered through the other European collections. By means of a capital index its contents are readily available to the student. I would recommend to the reader on Italian art that in the course of his study he should pause at the mention of any painting, turn to the index of the *Critical Studies* and see if Morelli has anything to say on the subject. This is the best way to use the books. It would be a dull and unprofitable exercise to read them in course. I hope that many who read these suggestions are fortunate enough to have access to Timothy Cole's fine engravings from the Old Italian Masters, which are published in book form with notes by W. J. Stillman. It is a great advantage, indeed almost a necessity, to study pictures side by side with the text-books in use. This list of books on Italian art must include the great work which Eugène Müntz has recently published in Paris, *L'Histoire de l'Art pendant la Renaissance*. It is hoped that these magnificent volumes, with their abundant and well-chosen illustrations, will be translated into English for the benefit of a larger number of readers.

The enthusiast in art cannot stop at histories and hand-books but will wish to continue his studies with individual biographies. Here we find the personality of the artist, the atmosphere in which he lived, the environment and education which shaped his career, and the circumstances under which each new work was produced. Indeed, such is the fascination of the human element in the artist life that it is from this class of books, rather than from any other, that I should be most likely to make a selection for my "ignoramus." A person with no knowledge whatever of Reynolds's pictures could not fail to be interested in Northcote's life of his celebrated master, just as a man must find Boswell interesting even if he has never read a word of Johnson. Among standard biographies of artists is the admirable set of small volumes in the series called *Great Artists*. These are trustworthy and interesting but necessarily very brief. For more elaborate study we shall find plenty of volumes devoted exclusively to Raphael. For many years Pas-

savant was the leading authority on this subject, but he is now superseded by Müntz. Excellent reproductions of Raphael's pictures are available in book form. There is a good collection by Julia Shedd and another by Karl Károly. Hermann Grimm has given us a *Life of Raphael* in a small volume which will be found interesting to the general reader. The same author has written a more pretentious work on Michael Angelo, in two volumes. The great authority on Angelo, however, is the more recent work by J. A. Symonds. Other standard biographies of great artists are: Crone and Cavalcaselle's *Titian*, Thausing's *Dürer*, Carpenter's *Van Dyck*, Michel's *Rembrandt*, Carl Justi's *Velasquez*, Claude Phillip's *Sir Joshua Reynolds*, Berenson's *Lorenzo Lotti*, Dr. Julius Meyer's *Correggio* (in use for some years) and Dr. Corrado Ricci's, which has just been translated into English.

My suggestions have been confined to the subject of painting, both because of the limitations of space and because this branch of art is usually of first interest to those uninitiated in the study.

A PRIZE POEM.

Last May Mr. H. N. Higginbotham of Chicago offered two prizes, of fifty and one hundred dollars each, for poems which should dignify the idea of labor and be suited to become popular songs. The first prize was won by Mary A. Lathbury of East Orange and the second by M. S. Paden of Denver. Mr. Higginbotham now offers three prizes of twenty-five, fifty and one hundred dollars each for original music to accompany these two songs. Here is Mrs. Lathbury's, which is called

A SONG OF HOPE.

Children of yesterday,
Heirs of tomorrow,
What are you weaving—
Labor and sorrow?
Look to your looms again;
Faster and faster
Fly the great shuttles
Prepared by the Master.
Life's in the loom
Room for it—room!

Children of yesterday,
Heirs of tomorrow,
Lighten the labor
And sweeten the sorrow.
Now—while the shuttle's fly
Faster and faster,
Up and be at it—
At work with the Master.
He stands at your loom,
Room for him—room!

Children of yesterday,
Heirs of tomorrow,
Look at your fabric
Of labor and sorrow.
Seamy and dark
With despair and disaster,
Turn it—and lo,
The design of the Master!
The Lord's at the loom,
Room for him—room!

GOOD BOOKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Knowing that a large number of parents who read *The Congregationalist* always select books as Christmas presents for their children, we have attempted to aid them in a wise choice by asking some of our constituents to send us titles of four books which they could recommend, two for boys and girls under ten, and two for those beyond that age. Solicitations were made from fifty women who are mothers, or in some way closely associated with children, and forty-eight responded. The request to mention only two books for each age made a choice rather difficult and probably explains why "Pansy" and one or two other old favorites do not appear in the appended

lists. The fewness of books of poems, too, is marked. It was interesting, also, to note that the choice among boys' books which deal with American events, like C. C. Coffin's and Kirk Munroe's, came chiefly from the West, while those more classical in character, like Church's Stories from Homer, were selected by New Englanders. Does this indicate that the Westerners are more patriotic?

Sometimes the respondent would mention only one book of a given author but add "all her others." Again the same books, notably Kingsley's Water Babies and Mrs. Ewing's Story of a Short Life, were recommended for readers both over and under ten, but the matter of adaptation to age can be easily adjusted by one who is familiar with the child's mental capacity. One correspondent protests against the number of juvenile books printed nowadays, saying that "the children are intellectually glutted and need a course of hunger and thirst in order to create a healthy appetite in reading." Another one who mentioned Homer and Shakespeare for the older class of readers writes: "You may think these include the universe but I can offer nothing better. If only the Bible could be studied as literature on what meat would our sons and daughters feed!" And what a beautiful picture of home life is reflected in this extract from still another writer: "My second daughter and I read Westward Ho two years ago with great pleasure to both of us. She got a good deal of historical knowledge out of Edna Lyall's In Golden Days, and we read Rob Roy and Lorna Doone together and enjoyed them. When my other children were little we read the Franconia stories over and over, and Tim-boo and Joliba and others of Jacob Abbott's books."

There was less duplication in the books mentioned than we expected and we heartily thank all the friends who responded so promptly and satisfactorily to our request. In addition to the appended lists many will be interested to examine an article by Col. T. W. Higginson in a recent number of the *Ladies' Home Journal* entitled A Young Girl's Library, and to compare his choice of a hundred books with those selected by *The Congregationalist* and mothers.

FOR READERS OF TEN AND UNDER.

Jan of the Windmill, Mrs. Ewing.
Snap Dragons, Mrs. Ewing.
Old Father Christmas, Mrs. Ewing.
Little Lord Fauntleroy, Mrs. Burnett.
Editha's Burglar, Mrs. Burnett.
Little Saint Elizabeth, Mrs. Burnett.
The Wonder Book, Hawthorne.
Tanglewood Tales, Hawthorne.
Nursery Finger Plays, Emilie Poulsson.
In the Child's World, Emilie Poulsson.
Hans Brinker, Mary Mapes Dodge.
The Baby World, Mary Mapes Dodge.
A Guernsey Lily, Susan Coolidge.
Katy Did Series, Susan Coolidge.
Each and All, Jane Anderson.
Seven Little Sisters, Jane Anderson.
Rollo Book Series, Jacob Abbott.
Susy's Six Birthdays, Mrs. Prentiss.
Bessie Books, Joanna H. Mathews.
Brownie Books, Palmer Cox.
Kindergarten Stories, Sara E. Wiltse.
Story Hour Series, Alice H. Rich.
Flaxie Frizzle Series, Sophie May.
Nonsense Books, Edward Lear.
Stories from Homer, Church.
Stories from English History, Creighton.
Little Johnny Two Boys, Mrs. G. M. Boynton.
Nellie's Silver Mine, Helen Hunt.
Little Miss Weezy, Penn Shirley.
Ruby and Ruth, Mrs. G. M. Paull.
Boys of Other Countries, Bayard Taylor.
Angela, A. Weber.
Little Folks in Feathers and Fur, Olive Thorne Miller.
Pussy Tiptoes, Mrs. D. P. Sanford.
At the Back of the North Wind, George MacDonald.

A Happy Summer, S. A. Frost.
A Book of Famous Verse, Agnes Repplier.
Among the Camps, Thomas Nelson Page.
The Tapestry Room, Mrs. Molesworth.
Little Miss Boston, Mrs. Cheever.
Cattails and Other Tales, Mary Horollitgen.
Mopsa the Fairy, Jean Ingelow.
Sparrow the Tramp, Lily F. Wesselheft.
Little Tommy, Sarah E. Ober.
Dear Daughter Dorothy, Plympton.
New Book of the Fairies, Beatrice Harraden.
Two Arrows, W. O. Stoddard.
Story of the Bible, Charles Foster.
Boys of '76, C. C. Coffin.
Little Miss Phoebe Gray, Helen Dawes Brown.
Heidi, Johanna Spyri.
Richard and Robin, Mattie Banks.
Royal Gifts for the Kindergarten.
From the Crib to the Cross, Mrs. E. A. Walker.
Children of the Cold, Lieutenant Schwatka.
Fairy Tales, Grimm.
Fairy Tales, Andersen.
Wordsworth for the Young, Mrs. St. John.
Five Little Peppers, Margaret Sidney.
Fairyland of Science, Arabella Buckley.
The Boy Wanderer, H. Malot.
Pilgrim's Progress (in words of one syllable if necessary).
Books of Bible Stories.

FOR READERS OVER TEN.

Little Women, Miss Alcott.
Jo's Boys, Miss Alcott.
Old-Fashioned Girl, Miss Alcott.
Water Babies, Kingsley.
Westward Ho, Kingsley.
Greek Heroes, Kingsley.
Timothy's Quest, Kate D. Wiggin.
Bird's Christmas Carol, Kate D. Wiggin.
Story of Patsey, Kate D. Wiggin.
Captain January, Laura E. Richards.
When I Was Your Age, Laura E. Richards.
Melody, Laura E. Richards.
Book of Golden Deeds, C. M. Yonge.
Heir of Redclyffe, C. M. Yonge.
Boy's King Arthur, Sidney Lanier.
Boy's Froissart, Sidney Lanier.
Bow of Orange Ribbon, Amelia E. Barr.
Bernicia, Amelia E. Barr.
Three Colonial Boys, E. T. Tomlinson.
The Boy Soldiers of 1812, E. T. Tomlinson.
Following the Flag, C. C. Coffin.
Building the Nation, C. C. Coffin.
Flamingo Feather, Kirk Munroe.
Snow Shoes and Sledges, Kirk Munroe.
We Girls, Mrs. Whitney.
Story of a Short Life, Mrs. Ewing.
Ben Hur, Lew Wallace.
Robinson Crusoe, De Foe.
Our Journey Around the World, F. E. Clark.
New England Girlhood, Lucy Larcom.
John Halifax, Miss Muloch.
Tales of a Grandfather, Scott.
Prince and Pauper, Mark Twain.
Life of Washington, Irving.
Tom Brown at Rugby, Hughes.
On the Threshold, Munger.
Tales from Shakespeare, Lamb.
Ethics of the Dust, Ruskin.
The Gentle Heritage, Frances E. Crompton.
Two Little Pilgrims, Mrs. Burnett.
The Jungle Book, Kipling.
Gentle Heart Series, MacLeod.
A Last Century Maid, A. H. Wharton.
Betty Leicester, S. O. Jewett.
Oakleigh, E. D. Deland.
Little Mr. Thumbelinger, J. C. Harris.
In Golden Days, Edna Lyall.
Rob Roy, Scott.
Lorna Doone, Blackmore.
Star Land, Sir Robert Ball.
Story of Music and Musicians, Lucy C. Lillie.
Heroic Ballads, Montgomery.
The Playtime Naturalist, Dr. J. E. Taylor.
Around the World in the Yacht Sunbeam, Lady Brassey.
Pushing to the Front, O. S. Marden.
Donald and Dorothy, Mary Mapes Dodge.
Tale of Two Cities, Dickens.
My Life and Times, Hamlin.
Donald Marcy, E. S. Phelps.
Bonnie Brier Bush, Ian Maclaren.
Stepping Heavenward, Mrs. Prentiss.
The Painter's Camp, Hammerton.
Across Asia on a Bicycle, Allen and Sachtleben.
A Bachelor Maid, Mrs. Burton Harrison.
War of Independence, Fiske.
Standish of Standish, Austin.
Child Life in Prose, compiled by Whittier.
Child Life in Poetry, compiled by Whittier.
Essays, Emerson.
Homer.
Shakespeare.
Dickens.

The thirst for the infinite proves infinity.—
Victor Hugo.

One of the occupations of heaven will be
fathoming and finishing the postponements
of earth.—D. v. d. Gregg.

Closet and Altar

*Trouble and perplexity drive us to prayer,
and prayer driveth away trouble and per-
plexity.*

We have need of patience with ourselves and with others; for the greatest things and the least; against sudden inroads of trouble and under our daily burdens; in the weariness of the body or the wearing of the soul; in every day wants; in the aching of sickness or the decay of age; in disappointments, bereavements, losses, injuries, reproaches; in heaviness of the heart or its sickness amidst delayed hopes. In all these things, from childhood's little troubles to the martyr's sufferings, patience is the grace of God, whereby we endure evil for the love of God.—Pusey.

There are comforters that have been born into service and discipline, not so much through personal experience of trial, as through a perfect communion with the great Peace-giver in whom the springs of comfort rise. Love and sacrifice hold the meaning of all that is great and true and beautiful for one's own soul, and must hold the secret of all powers of helpfulness to the world.

In every life
There's a pause that is better than onward
rush,
Better than hewing or mightiest doing;
'Tis the standing still at sovereign will.

There's a hush that is better than ardent
speech,
Better than sighing or wilderness crying;
'Tis the being still at sovereign will.

The pause and the hush sing a double song,
In unison low and for all time long.
O human soul, God's working plan
Goes on, nor heeds the aid of man!
Stand still, and see!
Be still, and know!

All the other bonds that had fastened down the spirit of the universe to our narrow round of earth were as nothing in comparison to the golden chain of suffering and self-sacrifice which at once riveted the heart of man to One who, like himself, was acquainted with grief. Pain is the deepest thing we have in our nature, and union through pain has always seemed more real and more holy than any other.—Arthur H. Hallam.

Nothing less than the majesty of God and the powers of the world to come can maintain the peace and sanctity of our homes, the order and serenity of our minds, the spirit of patience and tender mercy in our hearts.—J. Martineau.

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thine only Son Jesus Christ, grant that we may joyfully receive him for our Redeemer. Make us the sons of God and heirs of eternal life. Grant us, we beseech thee, that having this hope we may purify ourselves even as he is pure. Grant us that as thou hast given us to believe in the mystery of his incarnation, and hast made us partakers of the divine nature, so in the world to come we may ever abide with him in the glory of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mothers in Council.

FOR LITTLE HANDS TO DO.

Bertie was not quite well enough to go to school and not quite sick enough to be put to bed, but it was not best for him to run around outdoors. The picture-books had all been looked at and the playthings had become a burden. Some bread dough which mamma had given him had been made into a kindergarten bird's nest and eggs and then had been put through an original transmigration process, assuming the form in succession of a "naughty, bad snake, what talked to Eve," "a good, kind effulent" (elephant), "a kitty," a pig, a cow and a little boy, and, finally, the doubtful-colored dough was molded into loaves and set to rise in the tops of baking-powder cans. Next, with mamma's help, a little wagon was improvised from an empty starch box and some cord, and several loads of wood (blocks) were ordered to be carefully piled up by the stove.

When the duties of wood teamster began to grow irksome, saucers of oatmeal, rice, coffee and beans were set out with squares of brown paper and bits of string, and Bertie started a grocery store with mamma for customer, who received the numerous loose and lopsided packages with encouraging comments on the excellence of his wares and orders for more of the same.

It is said that farmers' wives in sad numbers become insane from doing the same thing day after day, week after week, year after year. The hours seemed days to Bertie in his forced imprisonment and time could only be shortened by variety. What next? In the hope of finding some picture-books that were not remembered mamma came across a big new catalogue of one of the great city stores, where one can buy anything. Bertie received with enthusiasm the suggestion that he select Christmas presents from the bewildering array displayed on the pictured pages.

So he made out lists for all the family and all his friends with a delightful disregard of cost: a \$255 sealskin jacket, a patent flour-sifter, a fan, a "natural wavy bang" (Bertie took it for a lamp chimney cleaner) for mamma. Equally varied lists for other relatives were formed and even one of the church deacons was remembered with a banjo, which Bertie supposed was a new patent kind of collection box.

But even this exercise of imaginary generosity lost its charm in due course of time. The Shopping Guide, however, had not yet yielded up its resources, for mamma became a shopper and gave orders for goods to replenish the whole house and replenish all the wardrobes, which Bertie filled by cutting out the ordered articles and placing them in envelopes instead of drays, ready to be delivered.

After a successful season, like all business men, Bertie wished a rest from mercantile cares. "Entire change of interests and surroundings," as the physicians say, was evidently needed. So the scene of action was transferred to the back porch and there there was placed a tub half full of water, upon whose surface floated bits of cotton batting, small scraps of bright flannel and feathers from the duster—these were the fish waiting to be caught by the eager little boy who was perched in the high chair beside the tub, with fish rod in hand made from a curtain stick, a piece of heavy cord and a bent "invisible hairpin." When the fish did not bite satisfactorily they were fed a few cracker crumbs, but for the most part they took the bait well and material was furnished for the usual sized fish stories to be told to papa when he came home to supper.

C. C.

ANOTHER SUGGESTION FOR CHRISTMAS.

In addition to the negative side presented by "Remonstrance" [see issue of 21 Nov., page 787] I would like to call attention to an

idea which I once found in the *Kindergarten*. The writer recommended giving children something "to be responsible for" during the coming year. The gift should be adapted to the ability of each child, and in its care he should be encouraged by the thought that he can be *depended upon*. The best objects to begin with are bulbs and plants, and after this living creatures like birds and domestic animals. If it is impressed upon a child that the growth, and even the life, of these helpless living creatures depend on his fidelity, the little guardian will soon learn to enjoy the responsibility laid upon him. In giving this care, whether to plant or animal, the foundation is laid for an interest, later on, in the natural sciences. In my own household it has worked well to put a pet canary into the joint keeping of two little girls, who assume the responsibility for feeding him and cleaning his cage on alternate weeks.

AUNT JANE.

MORE ABOUT FOOD.

In a recent number of *The Congregationalist* D. N. B. asks for titles of books giving special attention to foods for growing children. There is much more literature relating to babies than to older children. Some points will doubtless be gained from books like *Food in Health and Disease* by I. B. Yeo, M. D., and *Diet in Relation to Age and Activity* by Sir Henry Thompson. *Food and Dietaries*, by R. W. Burnett, M. D., has a valuable chapter devoted to diseases of children and the proper diet for different conditions. Mrs. Ellen H. Richards has worked out the problem of school lunches for the city of Boston and done similar planning for older students at Chicago University. Some of these experiments have been described in the *Rumford Kitchen Leaflets* and in other papers which have appeared in the *American Kitchen Magazine*. *School Hygiene* by Arthur Newholm, M. D., has a satisfactory chapter on children's diet.

A. B.

THE FOOD QUESTION AGAIN.

In reply to the inquiry of D. N. B., let me call her attention to a book entitled *The Secrets of Health, or How Not to Be Sick and How to Get Well from Sickness*, by I. H. Platt, M. D. Orange Judd Co., publisher; paper 75 cents, cloth \$1.50. It enters quite fully into a description of the more recent investigations of Edward Atkinson and other investigators, and perhaps covers the ground of diet better than any other work of its price.

D. W. B.

No story is the same to us after the lapse of time; or, rather, we who read it are no longer the same interpreters.—*George Eliot*.

"THINGS."

There are few words in the English language of such comprehensive appropriateness as the word "things." We put on and take off "things." We walk over "things" and pick "things" up and put "things" away. We love "things" and hate "things" and consider "things" and think about "things." We look beyond the "things" seen to the "things" not seen. There are material "things" among them and immaterial "things." They are physical and mental; of heaven and earth; of time and of eternity. A word of no special definition, it designates everything in turn. For it may be anything. It may be nothing.

It is a facile snare to the slipshod writer. Dilating on the beauties of "everything," this "lovely thing" or that "exquisite thing" tempts him to rest satisfied with the yielding expression which saves search for a more specific word. It is the ready recourse of the shallow clatterer, who calls her friend a "sweet thing." It is the refuge of the lazy, the negligent, the ignorant talker of any age, to whom the proper names of articles are superfluous so long as the word "things" exists in the dictionary.

So universally misused, abused and overworked is this general term that the proper thing under the circumstances would be so far as possible to ignore it in our own conversation and in the talk of other people and to insist that ideas be conveyed by words which mean exactly what is intended to be expressed, instead of by a word which means anything or nothing at all.—*Harper's Bazar*.

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The Conversation Corner.

OUR first letter is from our Iowa naturalist, and refers to the squirrels' stolen walnuts in the Corner of Nov. 17:

ASTON, IOWA.

Dear Mr. Martin: Suffer me to say a word for the boys who took the "fifteen quarts of walnuts." Here in the West are chipmunks which store away great quantities of the very best hazel nuts the hazel roughs afford. We have also the white-footed mouse (*Hesperomys leucopus*) which practices the same, hiding the nuts in heaps just below the surface. The "little beasties" cleverly hide their stores, but the boys find them readily by thrusting rods through the leaves into the ground. Now these little woods people conceal a good many more nuts than they can possibly use during the winter. So I think the boys are doing right when they appropriate their stores. I have examined many of these woodland bins and have yet to find a bad nut in any.

E. B. H.

That is another Western word, not familiar to us in the East—what is a "rough"? (I am a quarter of a mile from a Standard Dictionary which told us what a "draw" was.) Cornerers beginning to study Greek will enjoy finding how that mouse came by his scientific name. Do we all agree in the conclusion that it is right to steal the chipmunks and mice's hazel nuts? Is it sufficient reason that they lay up more than they can use? Perhaps they lay up a surplus, so that they can give to any needy brother mouse or chipmunk! Would that excuse stealing a man's money, because he had more than he could himself use?

FORT BERTHOLD, N. D.

Dear Cornerers: Our family have been camping several times this summer to visit our Indian friends. I thought I would tell you of some of the things that interested me. We rode forty miles up the Missouri River. There we crossed the river. This almost frightened me. When we landed there was a very steep, high hill; the horses could hardly pull our wagon up. Two Indian men took hold of a long rope which was tied to the wagon, so they helped the horses pull up the bad hill. I want to tell you how we made our tent to sleep in. We cut a big pole with a forked end to it; we rest the wagon pole on to this and then put the big tent cloth over it, and that is the way we make our tent. We sleep in this tent very nicely and have lots of fun living in it. Good-by.

EVAN H.

Of course you do—I would like to have made that trip with you! It was a pleasant coincidence that the very evening—I think—after I received your letter I sat beside a Corner boy at a stereoscopic lecture about Hampton Institute: and saw a picture of a recent class of young ladies there, one of whom, Mr. Turner said, had gone to be a teacher in your Indian school at Fort Berthold. (I hope all Cornerers who have the opportunity will hear that lecture.)

SHERBURN, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Martin: I have written to you before. I am seven years old. I am not well. My black kitten is a beauty, and she has two little white spots under her nose.

CARRIE G.

When you wrote before, you had two kitties and Graylocks, the squirrel, who you said was very fond of nuts. Look out that the boys who read the first letter in this Corner do not "appropriate" his store of nuts! You told me your other kitties' names, but not this one's name. A new book ("Frowse the Runaway") has a black kitten called *Mittens*, there is a new magazine called *The Black Cat*, and a building at the Atlanta Fair with the same name! The Boston officers attached (not arrested) a famous tiger cat a few days ago, whose name was Z-I-P, the letters of which were the "combination" for a burglar's safe. (P. S.—At this point I stopped to go on an errand, and saw on a back street, vainly

climbing up on the wheels of a butcher's cart, with hope of getting access, a huge black cat. Isn't it curious that when black cats is the subject, black cats will pop up at every corner? But, Query: If it is right for a man—say a butcher—to steal the winter's supplies of a white footed mouse's family, would it not have been right for a black cat to have taken one dinner for himself from a butcher?)

Just at this point of writing, the mail brings the following interesting letter:

SEVILLE, SPAIN.

On this November Sabbath I tried in vain to find in this great city an English or Protestant church. I found, however, on the street a guide who invited me to a bull-fight and also to a cock-fight. I didn't go, but went to my room and read the grand old *Congregationalist* (of Oct. 17)—religious notices, advertisements and all, down to "Nestlé's Food"—looking long at the faces of Moody and others which added to the charms of the paper. On the great plaza before my window, under the orange trees loaded with fruit, groups of boys are playing bull-fight! One boy takes off his coat, shakes it into the face of another, who drives at him head down and with a pair of horns, if he can get them, and then the chasing and bellowing and stabbing come in from the other players. This seems a familiar game on sidewalks and promenades. Under the escort of our English landlady, we have been to plazas where men and women have been burned for Christ's sake, and today there are those who openly say that they wish "the days of the Inquisition could be repeated!"

OLD CORNERER.

We don't wish them repeated on this side the ocean, nor boys' bull-fights, either—ball games are brutal enough!

Dear Mr. Martin: Can you help me about a book on manners or the amenities of life suitable for young people? I hope my ? can be answered before Christmas time. MRS. —

The best book I have seen is one that I think I have before mentioned in the Corner, under the name of *Children's Etiquette*, but which the publishers tell me is now issued under the title of *Art of Good Manners* (Lothrop Publishing Co., Boston; 75 cents, postpaid). I have heard of another book, published in Philadelphia (price, \$1.50), called *Ward's Sensible Etiquette*, but I know nothing of it. The adjective in the title is encouraging, however, for there is a great deal of fashionable etiquette in which I see no sense at all.

Now I will tell you two new plans for the children. The first is that the editors are to give them another column following the Corner. It is not for letters or "conversation," but for miscellaneous things of all sorts—some to please the little children, some to interest and, it is hoped, help the older ones, say in the line of their studies or as suggestions for their "compositions." Exactly what it will be we will not promise nor predict, but it will be for the children! D. F. and I have about decided to call it, *The Corner Scrap-Book*.

This suggests the other thing, which is a little plan of my own. It is for the children too, but I request them to retire from the room now while I mention it to the parents and friends. It is to give them a nice scrap-book for 1896! I am now having them made. They are to be strongly and prettily bound, to contain one hundred and fifty pages large enough to take in one page of *The Congregationalist*, without cutting. As you can see they will contain the Corner and its extra column for one or two years (if the children desire to preserve them) and have many pages left for other matter. They are to be lettered on the back, to be paged and to have an index at the end, so that

everything can be referred to alphabetically there. I propose to have on the opening pages some Corner pictures, including one of the Corner library, showing the children's cabinet. If there were not quite so many Cornerers who would be likely to order it, I would give the book as my Christmas present; as it is, I shall ask the parents, etc., to provide for the cost—one dollar. Fuller particulars later.

Mr. Martin

CORNER SCRAP-BOOK.

America. Now that the venerable author of the national anthem has passed away our students ought to preserve for future reference a careful memorandum of the date of his death—Nov. 16, 1895, at the age of eighty-seven years. Although a resident of Newton, he died in Boston, while on the way to a preaching appointment for the next day. A picture and sketch of him in *The Congregationalist* of Nov. 21, and another article by Mrs. H. K. Smith in last week's issue, might also be preserved. The place of its composition should be noted before it is forgotten. Dr. Smith often told the story of it in later years, one report of it being in the "Conversation Corner" of March 7, 1895. It was written in Andover, Mass., where in 1832 the author was a theological student. To make sure of the exact house the writer of this note asked him at that time and received this reply:

"America" was written in my room at the house of Mrs. Hitchings, while standing before the front window, nearest the front door of the house, in the north parlor. If I remember rightly, I always had my study table in the middle of the room, to guard against being diverted by any objects in the street, as I might have been if the table had stood near a window.

S. F. SMITH.

The house is still standing, having been for many years a popular boarding-house for Phillips Academy students—the "Blunt House." Twice when in that ancient town the writer has visited the house (on Main Street, not far from the top of the "Hill") and was politely shown the room.

What Dr. Holmes Said. The comment of Oliver Wendell Holmes upon the poem of his college classmate is worth remembering. It was repeated by Dr. E. E. Hale at the Old South Meeting House on Washington's Birthday, 1895: "What is fame? To write a hymn which sixty millions of people sing. *That is fame!*"

Stamps. An immense amount of stolen goods recently recovered in Boston was traced through a lot of postage stamps offered for sale to a dealer. The curious thing about it was that they were described in the legal complaint as "1,000 pieces of paper, all of the value of \$6,000." The judge inquired if the "pieces of paper" were canceled stamps, "and the Court was informed that such was the fact!"

Collections. The president of France must be the banner autograph collector. He has the handwriting of every king, queen and emperor on the earth. So it is said, but we wonder if he has the only letter which King Alphonzo of Spain, who is not yet ten years old, has ever written! He wrote it to the Pope, in answer to one received from him. He wrote and destroyed six drafts of the letter before he was satisfied, and then was troubled because his mother, the queen regent, found a mistake in it.

What the Children Say. "O!" groaned Tommy, the day after Thanksgiving, as he took a bitter dose of medicine, "I wish I hadn't been so thankful yesterday."—*Round Table.*

Little Martha is fond of pigs' feet at luncheon, but refused them yesterday, saying, with a sigh, "Just think how many of the poor things will have to go on wooden legs!"—*Transcript.*

The Sunday School

LESSON FOR DEC. 15.

1 Sam. 20: 32-42.

DAVID AND JONATHAN.

BY REV. A. E. DUNNING, D.D.

Love is an essential element of greatness. The love of a great soul has in it, also, the quality of sacrifice. That quality in its highest degree is revealed in Christ and shows the nature of God. "Greater love hath no man than this," Christ said, "that a man lay down his life for his friends." That was what he did, and doing it made known the heart of God. The same kind of love is shown in Christ's great ancestor, David. By his victory over Goliath he gained a place in the king's household, in the king's heart and in the hearts of his children. The young hero won a wife in a daughter of the king, and a friend in his brother-in-law, the king's son. So close was their friendship that either was ready to run any risk for the other, though it fell to Jonathan to make the chief sacrifice for the sake of friendship.

The relation between the two young men brings out a peculiar trait of the character which has with truth been called the widest in Old Testament history. Most lovable of all its heroes was David, and in this lesson we find what every youth ought to desire and to cherish when gained. The study of friendship here illustrated includes:

1. The covenant between the two young men. They were drawn to each other both by what they had in common and in contrast. Both were brave and had won renown in battle. Both were popular with the people. Both were athletes. David could swing Goliath's sword [21:9]. Jonathan's bow was famous, and he was swifter than an eagle and stronger than a lion [2 Sam. 1: 22, 23]. But David was a musician, a poet, rich in sentiment, which Jonathan admired but which there is no record that he possessed. One soul was the complement of the other. Such a friendship is of great value. Each gives what the other lacks.

David and Jonathan covenanted together repeatedly to maintain this friendship. Jonathan first proposed it, and gave David as pledges his robes and weapons [18:1-4]. It was repeated in the scene of our lesson [v. 42]. Once more they renewed it in the forest of Ziph, the last time they ever met in life [23: 16-18]. In every case Jonathan made the advances; David accepted them. Friendships between men and between women have a sacredness akin to marriage. They may not be lightly made or lightly broken. They involve choice elements of character. Without a human friend one cannot fully understand the friendship of Christ.

2. The sacrifice for friendship's sake. Jonathan loved his father. When he was compelled to choose, he cast in his lot with the declining fortunes of his family rather than with the rising fortunes of his friend. "Saul and Jonathan . . . in their death they were not divided." But Jonathan braved his father's anger for David's sake, and risked his own life also. The true friend speaks for his friend when absent, looks after his interest, counts his success first. Jonathan freely gave to David the place he himself inherited. "Thou shalt be king over Israel and I shall be next unto thee." Jonathan was fiercely angry at his father because of Saul's injustice, deeply grieved for David because of the indignity put on him. The strong love which overtops filial devotion and makes the friend's trials his own enriches character by what it gives. No true soul will be niggardly in friendship. Great sacrifices, even when unacknowledged, make larger the soul of the giver, more lovable for all his friends.

3. The warning of friendship. Four characters are in this drama enacted in the field. Saul is in the background, the primary cause of the movements we see. In stature kingly,

by nature modest, in temper rash, jealous, selfish, he started from a high plane of manhood, which inclined downward; and he went down on it, with slight resistance, to wreck and ruin. What folly he showed! On a public festival, with Philistine enemies threatening the nation, he drove away one who was loyal to him, who had proved himself a great warrior and who commanded the confidence of the people. He insulted his own son and sowed broadcast the seeds of disunion. Behind the heap of stones is David, whose career had begun with the sheepfold, who by bravery and discretion was climbing to the throne. In the field was Jonathan, loving his father, loyal to his friend, willing to sacrifice himself for both, but discerning their characters and striving to deal honorably with both. Running to and fro was the little lad who "knew not anything," but not the less was a necessary factor in the drama in which he played his unconscious part. So in life's constant drama, enacted every day in home and school and social life, one is sliding down in character, another is climbing up, another is moving on the level, and others blindly help the movement on. Which way are we going in our friendships?

Jonathan would not hurt his father, but he would protect his friend. He gave the signal which meant a long separation from the man he loved, the thwarting of his father's plans, the loss to himself of his father's throne. It was the manly thing to do, and when David told the story years afterward, as doubtless he often did while he cared tenderly for Jonathan's son, he honored his friend's fidelity and made his influence last for good through all the ages. Friendship has been nobler in all Christian history because of Jonathan's character.

4. Love's farewell. When David came out of his hiding place, he acknowledged his fealty to his prince by paying obeisance to him as a sovereign. He "fell on his face to the ground and bowed himself three times." But as they came together they cast aside all ceremony and let their hearts speak unrestrained. The future was dark for both of them. Jonathan was to stay at home, but his father's conduct foreboded the downfall of his kingdom, in which the son could not fail to see his own doom. David was to leave home and wife and kindred and become an outlaw. But they bound themselves one to another in the name of the Lord. After kisses and tears, in which the strength of the young manhood of both found utterance, their solemn farewell was imprinted on each heart—"The Lord be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed forever." David never forgot that scene. His whole soul went out in that song he wrote and taught the children of Judah to sing to the tune of The Bow, which name no doubt he chose because of the famous bow which Jonathan gave him as the pledge of friendship. Its culmination is in this stanza:

I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan,
Very pleasant hast thou been unto me;
Thy love to me was wonderful,
Passing the love of women.

To know how to choose a friend, how to value and serve him, how to be united with him in the Lord, to experience the delights of that union and to remain in it to the end of life is to gain much of the best that this life has to give. Christ is known through the knowledge of friends who know him, and God is revealed to us through the love of Christ interpreted to us through Christian friendships.

THE CHURCH PRAYER MEETING.

Topic, Dec. 8-14. The Gospel and Social Distinctions. Matt. 23: 1-12; Eph. 6: 5-9.

Does it regard them as necessarily evil? How does it aim to affect them? Can they be made to promote piety?

(See prayer meeting editorial.)

The Literature of the Day and of the Year.

A Broad and Comprehensive Survey of the Field.

THE BOOKS OF 1895.

Once more we turn back over the list of books which have been published during the year in order to suggest the titles of some of the most desirable and deserving of consideration, especially in the hope of aiding our readers in their holiday purchases of this class, and without further delay we turn at once to the work of classification and enumeration.

The field of *Theology and Biblical Criticism* shall receive notice first. More than the usual number of valuable volumes seem to have come out, although their number is not large absolutely. Among the abler works are Beyschlag's *New Testament Theology* [Scribner's. \$6.00], one of the most commendable examples of the liberal school; Dr. C. A. Briggs's *The Message of the Apostles* [Scribner's. \$3.00], bold in thought but reverent in spirit; Dr. G. B. Stevens's stimulating *The Doctrine of Life* [Silver, Burdett & Co. \$1.25]; Dr. James Denny's effective *Studies in Theology* [Armstrong. \$1.50]; Rev. W. S. Bruce's *Ethics of the Old Testament* [Scribners. \$1.75]; Rev. J. H. Denison's thoughtful *Christ's Idea of the Supernatural* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$2.00]; Mr. H. M. Alden's unique *Study of Death* [Harpers. \$1.50]; Dr. Henry Wace's spirited *Christianity and Agnosticism* [Whittaker. \$2.50]; Dr. G. A. Gordon's masterly *The Christ of Today* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.50]; and Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour's notable *The Foundations of Belief* [Longmans, Green & Co. \$2.00]; Renan's brilliant *History of the People of Israel* [Roberts Bros. \$2.50] has been continued and Dr. Griffin's timely *The Religions of Japan* [Scribners. \$2.00], Prof. W. H. Green's learned and acute *Higher Criticism of the Pentateuch* [Scribners. \$1.50] and *The Unity of the Book of Genesis* [Scribners. \$3.00], and Canon Gore's profound *Dissertation on Subjects Connected with the Incarnation* [Scribners. \$2.00] are strong books in their respective ways. Another book of peculiar value is *Translations of the Four Gospels from the Sinaitic Palimpsest*, by Mrs. Agnes S. Lewis [Macmillan & Co. \$1.00]. Several able *Commentaries* have appeared, such as Dean Farrar's *Daniel* [Armstrong. \$1.50], Prof. John Skinner's contribution to the *Expositor's Bible, The Book of Ezekiel* [Armstrong. \$1.50], Dr. S. R. Driver's *Critical and Exegetical Commentary on the Book of Deuteronomy* [The Century Co.], and Prof. G. F. Moore's on *Judges* [Scribners. \$3.00]. The *Lutheran Commentary* [Christian Literature Co. \$1.50], edited by A. P. Jacobs, also deserves mention.

In the field of *Ecclesiastical History* some first-rate work has been done. The Christian Literature Co. has continued its excellent series of histories of the different branches of the church. Volumes on the Reformed Church, the Moravian Church, the Episcopal Church and the Roman Catholic Church have been issued. Prof. H. C. Sheldon has brought out through the Harpers his admirable *History of Christian Doctrine* [\$3.50] enlarged and revised. Dr. P. S. Moxam's volume of *Lowell Lectures, From Jerusalem to Nicæa* [Roberts Bros. \$1.50] is a scholarly *résumé* and argument. Prof.

H. M. Baird's work on *The Huguenots and the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes* [Scribners. \$7.50] is a classic in its way. Two more volumes of Renan's *History of the People of Israel* [Roberts Bros. Each \$2.50] have carried on his brilliant narrative thus entitled. Dr. Dorchester's able *Christianity in the United States* is reissued enlarged. Mr. W. S. Boscawen's *The Bible and the Monuments* [Young. \$2.00] also is a treasury of facts and of deep interest, and a leading book during the year has been Dr. John Brown's *The Pilgrim Fathers of New England* [Revell. \$2.50], a discriminating and highly successful account of the Pilgrims and their work.

Devotional Works come so close to the hearts of Christian people that, as usual, the number of such publications is considerable. We select from an extended list for mention the late Dr. A. J. Gordon's *The Ministry of the Spirit* [Revell. \$1.00], Dr. Burdett Hart's *Always Upward* [Revell. \$1.25], Dr. J. A. Beet's *The New Life in Christ* [Hunt & Eaton. \$1.50], Dr. J. R. Miller's *The Hidden Life* [T. Y. Crowell. 75 cents], and Dr. E. E. Hale's cheering little sketch, *If Jesus Came to Boston* [Lamson, Wolfe & Co. 50 cents]. But, while we like these best, many others are almost as helpful. Dr. Meyer's *Prayers for Hearth and Home* should not be overlooked [Revell. 75 cents], and perhaps Dr. Andrew Murray's *Have Mercy Upon Us and his Let Us Draw Nigh* [Randolph. Each 50 cents] should be added. Our Congregational Publication Society also has recently issued an admirable *Mary Lyon Year Book* [\$1.25], edited by Helen M. North, which has found conspicuous and deserved favor already.

Turning to *Preaching and Preachers*, two excellent volumes on preaching should be named. One is *Lectures on Preaching*, by Bishop Carpenter of Ripon, Eng. [Macmillan. \$1.50]. Another is the judicious *Manual of Preaching* by Professor Fiske of Chicago Seminary [Armstrong. \$1.50]. The list of notable sermons and addresses for the year seems shorter than usual. Dr. C. C. Hall delivered a strong and eloquent series of *Carew Lectures, on Qualifications for Ministerial Power*, before the Hartford Seminary [The Hartford Seminary Press. \$1.50] and Dr. D. O. Mears's volume, *Inspired Through Suffering* [Revell. 75 cents], is full of comfort, Hugh Price Hughes's stirring *Essential Christianity* and Dr. D. J. Burrell's *The Spirit of the Age* [Ketcham. \$1.50] are pithy and pungent, while Dr. H. A. Stimson's *Questions of Modern Inquiry* [Revell. \$1.25] takes prominent rank among studies of current themes. Dr. A. F. Schaffner's *Ways of Working* [Wilde \$1.00] is very practical but may be included well enough here. Dr. G. D. Herron's *The Christian State* also has created some discussion. Among sermons proper has been as prominent as any the late Dr. Jowett's *College Sermons* [Macmillan. \$2.00], yet this differs in important respects from the sort of preaching which Americans, at any rate, are accustomed to rank as the highest in quality.

Honorable mention also must be made of several volumes which, in one or another way, relate to *Missions*. One, and the chief,

is the late Dr. E. A. Lawrence's comprehensive and suggestive *Modern Missions in the East* [Harpers. \$1.75]. Another is Mrs. J. G. Paton's graphic *Letters and Sketches from the New Hebrides* [Armstrong. \$1.75]; and still others are Dr. E. L. Leonard's very valuable *One Hundred Years of Missions* [Funk & Wagnalls. \$1.00] and Rev. R. H. Graves's interesting *Forty Years in China* [R. H. Woodward & Co. \$1.50]. Dr. C. C. Creagan's *Great Missionaries of the Church* revives pleasantly the knowledge of a number of eminent and useful men. To the above should be added also the *Life of Dr. John L. Nevius* [Revell. \$2.00], by his wife.

Glancing now at *Secular History* we find considerable variety in the character of what has been done. Mommsen's famous *History of Rome* [Scribners. \$10.00] has been reissued, translated by Prof. W. P. Dixon. M. Imbert de Saint-Amand's *The Revolution of 1848* [Scribners. \$1.25] is a fine piece of work, like his other books. Among the more important issues is the fourth volume of McMaster's *History of the People of the United States* [Appleton. \$2.50], the late Professor Froude's *English Seamen of the Sixteenth Century*, and Mr. J. F. Rhodes's third volume of *The History of the United States from the Compromise of 1850*. Moreover Dr. Justin Winsor has enlarged the obligation of the world of scholars to himself by one of his notable volumes, a perfect treasury of recondite lore on the subject, entitled *The Mississippi Basin* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$4.00]. Nor should we fail to give honorable and prominent mention to Rev. W. D. Love's *Fast and Thanksgiving Days in New England* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$3.00]. Among minor, yet noteworthy, works of the same character is Anne H. Wharton's *Colonial Days and Dames* [Lippincott. \$1.25]; Letitia M. Burwell's equally charming book, *A Girl's Life in Virginia Before the War* [Stokes Co. \$1.50]; Charles Carleton Coffin's *Daughters of the Revolution* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.50]; and Frances Gregor's *Stories of Bohemia* [Cranston & Curtis. \$1.50]. Professor Tyler's excellent history of *Amherst College* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.50] also has been issued in an enlarged and revised edition.

As to *Biography* there is more to be said. *The Life of the Hon. S. J. Tilden* [Harpers. \$6.00], by John Bigelow, is the most notable record of the career of an American which has been made, but the *Autobiography of Frederick Douglas* [DeWolfe, Fiske & Co. \$2.50] is sure of a wide and lasting popularity, while the letters of Celia Thaxter [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.50], edited by Mrs. J. T. Fields and another friend, reveal delightfully the winsome and versatile nature of the poet. Joseph H. Neesima was an American by adoption and we all feel a peculiar interest in the story of his career. The volume about him by Rev. J. D. Davis, published by Revell for \$1.00, is a fine characterization of this distinguished and useful servant of Christ. *The Life and Letters of Dean Church* [Scribners. \$5.00], Mr. H. W. Lucy's *Sketches of Mr. Gladstone* [Roberts Bros. \$1.25], *The Letters of S. T. Coleridge*

[Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$6.00], Memoirs of Barras, Member of the Directory [Harpers. \$7.50], Ruth Putnam's volume about William the Silent [Putnam's Sons. \$1.75], Lord Roberts's account of the Rise of Wellington [Roberts Bros. \$1.75], Mr. S. J. Reid's similar sketches of Lord John Russell [Harpers. \$1.00], and the account of Sonya Kovalefsky [Century Co. \$1.75] by the Duchess of Cajanello, translated by Isabel F. Hapgood, and Anna L. Bicknell's Pictures of Life in the Tuilleries [Century. \$2.25]—all these are superior books in their way, while Charlemagne Tower's Lafayette in the American Revolution [Lippincott. \$8.00], How Marcus Whitman saved Oregon [Star Publishing Co. \$1.75] by Dr. O. W. Nixon, and Dr. Griffith's Account of Townsend Harris, the distinguished and successful American envoy to Japan, deserve especial commendation.

Wise men now give more heed than ever before to *Political Economy*, especially in the desire to popularize its principles. Several superior volumes upon this theme have come to hand. Dr. W. H. Tolman's Municipal Reform Movements [Revell. \$1.00] is one; another is Pres. F. A. Walker's The Making of the Nation [Scribners. \$1.25]. Mr. Albert Shaw's Municipal Government in Great Britain and Municipal Government on the Continent of Europe [Century. Each \$2.00] are monumental works in another way, treasuries of information collected by a competent scholar and arranged with a clear comprehension of the needs of ordinary readers. The Real Chinaman, by Chester Holcombe [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$2.00], and Mr. Henry Norman's discriminating Peoples and Politics of the Far East [Scribner's. \$4.00] have been peculiarly timely in view of the political events of the past twelve months, and this is even more true of Rev. F. D. Greene's The Armenian Crisis in Turkey [Putnam's. \$1.00]. Some of these books deal more with theory and the ideal than with what is, or has been, practice, but each in its own way is of real importance.

It is a natural and not a long step to books treating of *Social Economy*. The volume of Hull House Maps and Papers [T. Y. Crowell. \$2.50] by several residents carries its own indorsement in its name. Dr. Carroll D. Wright's Industrial Evolution of the United States [Flood & Vincent. \$1.00] is a serviceable Chautauqua volume. Dr. W. F. Crafts has massed great numbers of facts in his effective and instructive Practical Christian Sociology [Funk & Wagnalls. \$1.50], and President Hyde of Bowdoin has discussed the subject in its higher range in his Outlines of Special Theology [Macmillan. \$1.50]. A volume of details from a foreign source, which has a considerable significance in its way, is The Female Offender [Appleton. \$1.50], by Professor L'Ombroso and Mr. Ferrero.

Education has stimulated many authors to prolific labor. One of the most elaborate results is Prof. G. T. Ladd's The Philosophy of the Mind [Scribners. \$3.00], which is unquestionably too deep for the common mind. Mr. G. H. Martin's Evolution of the Massachusetts Public School System [Appleton. \$1.50] has deservedly attracted notice, and two or three conspicuously valuable and practical books are the fifth volume of Larned's History for Ready Reference [C. A. Nichols Co. \$6.00], The Encyclopedic Dictionary [The Syndicate Pub. Co. \$8.00], and Harper's Book of Facts [\$8.00]. The

issue of its second volume has completed the remarkable Standard Dictionary [Funk & Wagnalls. \$7.50]. The issue of ordinary text-books has been as numerous as ever, and it has been often difficult, if not impossible, to tell one from another except by the different names on the title-pages. As we have said before, we are convinced that too many are published.

We take up next a few books of *Travel*. It is not surprising that the feet of so many travelers turn, in these days, to Japan, the land of fascination. Several of these books are about that land. One is Lotos Time in Japan [Scribner's. \$1.75], by H. T. Finck. Another is Notes on Japan [Harpers. \$3.00], by Alfred Parsons, the artist. E. L. Weeks supplies a very readable and a lavishly and superbly illustrated record of his journey from the Black Sea through Russia and India [Harpers. \$3.00], and Frank Vincent, the explorer, has given a graphic account of his experiences in Actual Africa [D. Appleton. \$5.00]. Mr. Frederic Remington, the author and artist, has revived many of his earlier recollections of Western life in his book, Pony Tracks [Harpers. \$3.00]; while Dr. C. A. Stoddard, in his Cruising among the Caribbees [Scribners. \$1.50], and Dr. Henry M. Field in his Our Western Archipelago [Scribners. \$2.00] have continued genially the series of their several publications about their wanderings by sea and land.

The year has been somewhat fertile in *Essays* and literature of that general character. The late lamented Professor Boyeason's Essays on Scandinavian Literature [Scribners. \$1.50] have not only an inherent value but a pathetic interest growing out of the fact that they represent the only completed work which he did on the subject, one to which he intended to devote himself specially throughout the years to come. Prof. William Minto, whose Literature of the Georgian Era [Harpers. \$1.50] is more than ordinarily rewarding, also has died during the year. Three books by one man, even if two of them have been written before, are unusual in any one year, but nobody can read Mr. Robert Grant's Opinions of a Philosopher or The Reflections of a Married Man [Scribners. Each, \$1.25] without a strong desire to see his more recent book, The Art of Living [Scribners. \$2.50], which, when obtained, will equally amuse and edify. In a different vein Little Rivers [Scribners. \$1.25], by Henry Van Dyke, is a charming book and so is Mr. G. W. Smalley's Studies of Men [Harpers. \$2.00], characterizing many leading Englishmen and others entertainingly. Mr. Julian Ralph's People We Pass [Harpers. \$1.25] and Mr. E. L. Godkins's Reflections and Comments [Scribners. \$2.00] each in its way is a remarkably effective piece of work, while Mr. Rideings's In the Land of Lorna Doone [Crowell. \$1.00] and Mr. R. H. Davis's About Paris [Harpers. \$1.25] and Mr. T. F. Wolfe's Literary Shrines and Literary Landmarks [Lippincott. Each \$1.25] also furnish delightful and profitable reading. Maud W. Goodwin's The Colonial Cavalier [Little, Brown & Co. \$2.00] also is very enjoyable and Mrs. Julia C. R. Dorr's The Flower of England's Face [Macmillan. 75 cents] is a delicate and vigorous study of English characteristics.

The *Poets* of the year have sung merrily, but few of them have risen to a noticeably high level of excellence. The last poems of J. R. Lowell [Houghton, Mifflin & Co.

\$1.25], which Professor Norton has edited, should have precedence and Mrs. Fields's The Singing Shepherd and Other Poems [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.00] and Mr. Aldrich's Later Lyrics [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.00] must not be overlooked, while Mr. Garrett's Victorian Songs [Little, Brown & Co. \$6.00] is a permanently important collection. Mr. G. C. Eggleston's American War Ballads and Lyrics [Putnam. \$1.50], in its new edition, also is of lasting value. The work of Miss Vida D. Scudder, on The Life and Spirit of the Modern English Poets [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25], is a sympathetic and judicious interpretation which deserves mention under this head, and the Whittier Year Book [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.00] and the dainty and elegant Temple Edition of Shakespeare [Macmillan. Each, 45 cents] are also admirable examples of first-rate book-making.

If we were called upon to name, under *Novels*, the story which on the whole is the most perfect piece of literary work, we should select When Valmond Came to Pontiac, by Gilbert Parker, but some other stories press it hard for first place. When we mention Ian Maclaren's two books, A Doctor of the Old School and Auld Lang Syne [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$2.00 and \$1.25], Mr. S. R. Crockett's A Galloway Herd [R. A. Fenno. \$1.00] and the same author's Men of the Moss Hags [Macmillan. \$1.50], Miss Cherry Blossom of Tokio [Lippincott. \$1.25], by J. L. Long, and Israel Zangwill's Children of the Ghetto [Macmillan. \$1.50], it becomes very evident that it is indeed hard to pick out the best. Certainly Maclaren's books, if not Crockett's also, in some respects are superior to anything else and we will not quarrel with any one who ranks them first. But there are many which deserve hearty praise which are not, like those named, so conspicuously eminent. One is Mrs. Burton Harrison's An Errant Wooing [Century Co. \$1.50], another is A Garden of Eden, U. S. A. [C. H. Kerr. \$1.50], by William Henry Bishop, another is Marten Maartens's realistic My Lady Nobody [Harpers. \$1.75]. Clara L. Burnham's The Wise Woman [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25] is wisely suggestive and amusing and Mr. Crawford's Katherine Lauderdale and his Casa Braccio are examples of able, if not always pleasing, work. Mrs. Phelps-Ward's A Singular Life deserves the praise it is receiving [Houghton, Mifflin. \$1.25] and Alice I. Jones's Beatrice of Bayou Têche [McClurg. \$1.25] is quite as powerful a study. Sir Walter Besant, in his Beyond the Dreams of Avarice [Harpers. \$1.50], points a needed moral and Mrs. Helen C. Prince, in her Story of Christine Rochefort [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25], has touched skillfully upon some phases of the labor question, while Mr. Zangwill's earlier book, The Master [Harpers. \$1.25], and H. T. Fuller's With the Procession [Harpers. \$1.25] and the Children of the Soil [Little, Brown & Co. \$3.00] of Henryk Sienkiewicz, the eminent Polish author, have deservedly awakened attention. A number of volumes of superior short stories have been published. The Princeton Stories [Scribners. \$1.00], by J. L. Williams, and Yale Yarns [Putnam. \$1.00], by J. S. Wood, reproduce the spirit and something of the form of college life adroitly. Captain King has added a bright volume, Captain Dreams and Other Stories [Lippincott. \$1.00], to the long list of his

works. The late Miss Woolson is remembered the more pleasantly for her book, *The Front Yard and Other Italian Stories* [Harpers. \$1.25], and the late Eugene Field also has left us his *Little Book of Profitable Tales* [Scribners. \$1.25], which now has a special interest, and Anna E. King's *Kitwyk Stories* [Century Co. \$1.50], Mr. Arthur Morrison's *Tales of Mean Street* [Roberts Bros. \$1.00], Miss Jewett's *The Life of Nancy and Susan Coolidge's An Old Convent School in Paris* all illustrate the growing interest in the short story and the increasing ability to supply the demand therefor. We should not forget to mention the issue during the year of a new and handsome edition of Thomas Hardy's as also of Charles Dickens's works, the former through the Harpers and the latter through the Macmillans.

We naturally mention, in connection with the stories, certain *Juvenile Books*. Froisart's *Chronicles* [Macmillan. \$1.25] came out early in the year in a handsome new dress and are edited by G. C. Macaulay. The Macmillans have also republished several of Captain Marryat's works in modern style, at \$1.25 each. One striking book for the young is *Cuore* [Crowell. \$1.20], which is a translation from the Italian of Edmondo De Amicis, and which gives in the form of a diary a picture of a bright Italian boy's thoughts and life. Jack Alden [T. Y. Crowell. \$1.50], by W. L. Goss, is a graphic and high-toned book for boys, and *Hero Tales from American History* [Century Co. \$1.50] by Senator Lodge and Commissioner Roosevelt is a tempting book. Mr. E. S. Brooks has equaled his high water mark in his *Boy of the First Empire* [Century Co. \$1.50]. Mr. G. A. Henty's three volumes, *The Tiger of Mysore*, *Through Russian Snows* and *a Knight of the White Cross* [Scribners. Each \$1.25], have found ready welcome. How he can manage to write so many books and write them well is more than we can tell. *Quarter Deck and Fok'sle* [W. A. Wilde. \$1.25], illustrates Mollie E. Seawall's charm as a juvenile author. Mr. S. A. Drake's *Watchfires of '76* [Lee & Shepard. \$1.75], and Col. T. W. Knox's *In Wild Africa* [Scribners. \$1.50], are good, while Evelyn Everett Green's *In Taunton Town* [T. Nelson. \$1.75] is a capital example of historical writing, as well as engrossing to the young reader. Moreover, *The Horse Fair* [Century Co. \$1.50], by James Baldwin, carries out successfully a novel conception, and *The Three Apprentices of Moon Street* [T. Y. Crowell. \$1.50], from the French of Georges Montorgueil shows us the French writer for the young at his best. Our Congregational Publication Society, also, in *A Green Garnet* [Scribners. \$1.50], by Natalie L. Rice, and *Kings and Cupbearers* [Scribners. \$1.50], by Rev. George Huntington, has sustained its reputation well, while *Frowzie, the Runaway* [Roberts Bros. \$1.25], by Lily S. Wesselhoeft, will tempt the children to take its predecessors down again from the row on the shelf and read them afresh. The late Mrs. Celia Thaxter's stories and poems for children [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.50] should be named here, but if last, they are by no means least either in interest or in permanent value.

There are some books which it is hard to classify, and these shall be grouped together under the heading *Miscellaneous*. Such, for example, is Dr. John Wright's *Early Bibles of America* [Whittaker. \$3.00]. Such also is Francis Bacon and His Shakespeare [Sar-

gent Publishing Society. \$1.50], by T. S. E. Dixon, a plea for the Baconian authorship of Shakespeare's works. *Rational Buildings*, by Violet Le Duc [Macmillan. \$3.00], and *Beautiful Houses* [T. Y. Crowell. \$3.00], by L. H. Gibson, are suggestive to architects or to those who purpose to build houses, while Estelle M. Hurl's edition of Mrs. Jameson's *Sacred and Legendary Art* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$6.00], and John La Farge's *Considerations on Painting* [Macmillan. \$1.25] are of solid value for artists and art-lovers. Two or three books deal with birds, for example, *A Pocket Guide to the Common Land Birds of New England* [Lee & Shepard. 60 cents], by Prof. M. A. Willcox; Mabel C. Wright's *Bird Craft* [Macmillan. \$3.50]; and F. M. Chapman's *Hand Book of Birds of Eastern North America* [Appleton. \$3.00], each of which is of much serviceableness.

Wild Flowers of the North Eastern States [Putnam \$4.50], by Ellen Miller and Margaret Whiting, and *Familiar Flowers of Field and Garden* [Appleton. \$1.75], by F. S. Matthews, will interest our lady readers, as well as many others. And Henry Clyde's *Pleasure Cycling* [Little, Brown & Co. \$1.00], J. P. Lee's *Golf in America* [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$1.00] will be appreciated by athletes, while Horace White's *Money and Banking* [Ginn & Co. \$1.00] deals ably with one of the most vital of current matters, and the *Century Cook Book* [Century, \$2.00] offers culinary enlightenment to every household.

BOOK REVIEWS.

THE HUGUENOTS AND THE REVOCATION OF THE EDICT OF NANTES.

Prof. H. M. Baird, author of those standard works, *The Rise of the Huguenots of France* and *The Huguenots and Henry of Navarre*, has concluded the series by a new and equally meritorious work in two volumes, entitled as above. It crowns and completes its predecessors yet is self-independent. The history of the Huguenots is familiar to the world in its outlines and in much of its detail. But no other author has mastered or described it like Professor Baird. These volumes complete what will be one of the monuments to his memory after he has gone. He has devoted his life to the Huguenots in an important sense.

Beginning with the time when the famous Edict of Nantes came into full operation, in 1598, this history covers Huguenot affairs down to 1685, when the Edict was repealed, and on through the following century of the oppression of the Huguenots down to the recognition of Protestantism in 1802, by Napoleon Bonaparte. This long period of two centuries or more is treated chronologically in the main and with the care of an expert to preserve the just proportions of affairs and to blend characterization and narrative, philosophy and fact, fittingly.

The opportunities and privileges enjoyed by the Huguenots during the first half-century are suggested distinctly and form a useful background for the following period of hostility, culminating in the revocation of the Edict, which had meant so much to them. Professor Baird shrewdly points out in the preface an instance of similarly repressive legislation now threatening Protestantism in Northern Europe. He gives large space to the consequences of the revocation, and offers an extended but not undue discussion of the war of the Camisards. Some questions involved certainly justify

the attention which he bestows here. He also points out that the importance of the period known as "the Desert," deserves more recognition than it has received. Considerable new material upon this branch of the subject has come into his hands, and has been wisely used.

The restoration of civil and religious liberty which came at last, of course is described in full, and the dramatic impressiveness of the facts themselves is increased by the simplicity of the restraint of the author's style, which throughout is finely adapted to historical literature. He calls attention in closing to the magnitude of the influence of the Huguenots, in spite of the comparative scantiness of their numbers. It would have been agreeable had he devoted some space to the doings of Huguenots in other lands after emigration or expulsion from their native France, but this of course lay outside of his purpose, and a part of that field also has been covered by his brother, the late Dr. C. W. Baird.

In scholarship this history is thorough, in perspective just, in judgment candid, in style natural, and it leaves clear and well grounded impressions upon the mind. [Charles Scribner's Sons. \$7.50.]

A STUDY OF DEATH.

In this thoughtful volume Mr. H. M. Alden has worked out a line of thought complementary to that of his earlier book, *God in His World*. The special purpose of it is not to present an argument so much as to cultivate in the reader a certain state of mind, a confidence in the divine love as shown in the mysteries and adversities of human life as truly as in what we call prosperity. To a considerable extent it is a study and a restatement of the cosmic philosophy and it is marked throughout by intellectual boldness and frankness, although these always are tempered by a truly reverent spirit and the atmosphere of devout Christianity pervades it.

It is not easy to be read or understood. Uncommon words are used often and it is evidently intended not for the general reader but for that audience, "fit though few," of trained thinkers who have made the regions of metaphysics peculiarly their own. The style too is difficult. Many passages are strikingly beautiful and in general the individual sentences are short, clear and telling. But taken together, a page at a time, they often prove elusive and one finds himself somewhat in doubt as to what is meant. Some of the author's ideas also are so large in their possibilities as to be vague, almost unavoidably. For example, the more that one reflects upon his definition of the moral order—"that cycle of human experience which, beginning in a flesh-and-blood kinship, is completed only in a kinship which embraces the universe"—the more one questions its justice as a complete and precise definition, even if a certain apparent meaning be conceded to be admissible.

An important fundamental position laid down is that life in principle is neither good nor evil but in creating it becomes both good and evil and is immortal only because it includes mortality. This holds true throughout the course of its development. It is redemption as well as creation from the outset. "Redemption is creative and creation is redemptive." A prevalent thought is that "Evil is not for the sake of Good" but is its "other name." "In a vision perfectly whole Evil would be seen to be

the other name of Good." As there can be no light without the conception of a contrasted darkness, so good and evil are mutually necessary and must be hereafter and everywhere as they are now and here. This is in accord with the divine plan for the welfare of the universe.

Perhaps we have thus sufficiently hinted at the aim of the book, although we have given no intimation of the blended sturdiness and subtlety of its mental processes. Many will be staggered by some of its declarations and at some points it is fairly open to adverse criticism. But it is a singularly able work in a certain abstruse way in spite of its defects. [Harper & Bros. \$1.50.]

BACON—SHAKESPEARE.

Mr. T. S. F. Dixon in his *Francis Bacon and His Shakespeare* has attempted to demonstrate, what some others now believe and are seeking to prove, that Bacon wrote the works commonly attributed to Shakespeare. In general it may be stated that he relies on proving two things, an identity in the use of words and phrases by the two authors and a close and striking similarity in their utterances dealing with moral philosophy. The argument certainly is too feeble. That both writers used many significant terms in the same sense, and that not always the ordinary sense, is a coincidence but proves nothing except that two able thinkers not unnaturally found expression for their thoughts in the same language. So far as their words had a somewhat unusual significance, the natural inference is that each independently saw the propriety of using them to convey shades of meaning and was original enough to do so, and not that one wrote the works of both. That both also entertained and uttered frequently, and at times noticeably, similar views of moral philosophy is even less remarkable.

Neither wonder, if it be a wonder, is half as wonderful as that Bacon, one of the busiest of men and a profound and voluminous author, should also have found time and taken the trouble to write additionally so many and such works as are attributed to Shakespeare. This is practically impossible. Moreover, it is equally wonderful that he should not have claimed them and that his authorship should have remained unknown until our time. Mr. Dixon has written a delightful book which, in spite of his theory, does him credit in many respects. But until some much stronger proofs of his positions can be adduced, those who hold their might as well spare themselves the labor of argument. [Sargent Publishing Co. \$1.25.]

RELIGIOUS.

Nobody who has heard Rev. W. G. Puddefoot speak will need to be told that his book, *The Minute Man on the Frontier* [T. Y. Crowell & Co. \$1.25] is racy in style and full of valuable information. It amply repays the reading. It is about home missionaries and their work at the West and South and is a record of personal experience and observation. It ought to make a deep impression upon Eastern Christians. Whoever supposes that there is a more imperative spiritual need anywhere else in the world than in our own land will be corrected by the demonstration here afforded, and will have a new appreciation of the sacrifices which our home missionaries are making. The willingness of their heroism is one of its most impressive features, and matches anything of the sort in human history. The book indirectly will help to clear off the debt of the American Home Missionary Society by revealing afresh and very

powerfully the tremendous significance of the work which the society is doing. A number of illustrations increase the interest of Mr. Puddefoot's pages, and the book is sure to be a general favorite.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor is rapidly accumulating a considerable literature. Several volumes already have been printed, not only in harmony with the movement in its spirit and purpose, but describing the same and telling the story of its rise and progress and all the picturesque features of its history. Another such book has just made its appearance. It is *World Wide Endeavor* [Gillespie, Metzgar & Co. \$2.75] and is from the pen of Rev. F. E. Clark, D. D., the author and founder of the society. We can say little about the book in detail, because when we have said that it is a comprehensive history of the movement, which deals with particulars as well as general principles, which is full of incident and anecdote as well as of theory and philosophy, we have practically described it. It is written popularly, is illustrated tastefully and well and is a manual of Christian Endeavor information as well as a graphic and interesting narrative. It contains testimonials from many foreign and domestic sympathizers with the society, as also many portraits and autographs of members, both here and in other lands. We need not bespeak for it a large popularity because it is sure to have it.

A very different type of volume is one which approaches the same subject, but from a totally different point of view and with equal skill. It is Miss Vida D. Scudder's *The Witness of Denial* [E. P. Dutton & Co. \$1.00] and contains a series of lectures given by the author during a course of instruction at Wellesley College on Modern English Prose Writers. It is interesting to know how these lectures found their place in such a course. As Miss Scudder says in her preface, it was impossible to teach modern English prose and leave out such men as Mill, Carlyle, Spencer, Harrison, Maurice and Matthew Arnold, and these lectures are an exposition of their teachings in their relation to the religious needs and progress of our times. It is a thoroughly Christian book, is skillful and suggestive and will prove a very helpful study of religious doubt and of the truthfulness of the Christian religion. It is ingenious and is a piece of vigorous and graceful writing. It may not touch many of those to whom it should appeal especially, but it will not fail to reach an audience.

Prof. E. D. Burton is the author of a volume called *The Records and Letters of the Apostolic Age* [Charles Scribner's Sons. \$1.50]. The general purpose of the book is to put into accessible and available form such material for the study of the apostolic age as is found in the New Testament outside of the gospels. The different epistles and the Revelation are arranged according to the place of each in the proper connection of history. The narrative material contained in the epistles and the speeches of the book of the Acts is arranged with reference to the time of events, and the natural grouping of things in the whole history is observed. Biblical scholars will appreciate highly the helpfulness of the book to a correct and easy understanding of the New Testament. Valuable notes have been added to assist the student and the necessary tables and indexes are carefully supplied. The book is creditably edited and issued.

Judaism has often been defined by those who know it only from the outside, but in *The Spirit of Judaism* [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$1.25] we have an interpretation from the inside. The author is Josephine Lazarus, and her book consists of several chapters on the general Jewish question, on Judaism old and new, the claims, the task and the outlook of Judaism, and similar topics. It will surprise many, as it must interest all, to appreciate

how much can be said in behalf of the claim of the Jewish people to pre-eminence, but in this book the purpose is not so much to impress us with their distinction as it is to define their religious position and their attitude toward other religious peoples. It is well to realize, as the author brings out, what a tremendous moral force abides in Judaism. She has written with enthusiasm, yet with restraint, and those who have read her essays before, one of them having appeared in the *Century Magazine*, will welcome them again in their present form.

Last winter Rev. W. F. Crafts, Ph. D., delivered a course of lectures at Princeton Theological Seminary, which also were given by him at Marietta College and which now have been gathered into a volume entitled *Practical Christian Sociology* [Funk & Wagnalls Co. \$1.50]. They discuss temperance, Sabbath reform, purity, gambling, municipal reform, immigration, divorce, woman suffrage and many other current subjects in their relations to the church, the family, capital and labor and citizenship. Mr. Crafts is a bright and vigorous lecturer and has accumulated a great mass of figures and facts. His book is adorned with portraits of some twenty well-known advocates of different reforms, and contains more introductions, prefaces, appendixes, indexes, etc., than we ever saw before in any one volume. Dr. Joseph Cook has supplied a biographical sketch of Dr. Crafts.

First Things First [T. Y. Crowell & Co. \$1.00], by Rev. George Jackson, is a volume of addresses to young men delivered by the author in the ordinary course of his ministerial work. They are eminently spirited, practical discourses, adapted to interest and to help young men. They are not notably profound, but probably all the better adapted to accomplish their purpose.—The same publishers send *The Making of Manhood* [\$1.00], by W. J. Dawson. This is not a volume of sermons, but contains essays which may have been used as addresses, and which treat of such subjects as The Duty of Right Thinking, The Gains of Drudgery, Patriotism, The Ministry of Books, The Young Man's Religion and other collateral and appropriate themes. They form one of those volumes of good advice to the young which abound, but which are always in order, and the volume which they compose is one of the best which we have seen in a long time.—A book of value to the student of missionary matters is *The Cross in the Land of the Trident* [Fleming H. Revell Co. 50 cents], by Rev. H. P. Beach. It deals principally with India, as its title indicates, and it discusses history, life and religion, speaks of the prospects of missionary work, and is short but compact. Many reference books are suggested, and valuable tables supplement its text.

The Wesleyan Methodist Publishing House has issued a little book, *Biblical Chronology* [50 cents], by Rev. H. T. Besse. It explains the different eras, contains long and intricate calculations, and is more interesting to a certain class of special students than to the general public. It declares, and claims to prove, that the first day of the world was Monday, and includes a perpetual calendar which is the work of the author.—Two volumes of devotional and practical religion are before us. One is *The Mary Lyon Year Book* [Cong. S. S. & Pub. Society. \$1.25], edited by Helen M. North, which contains upon each page a Scripture text, a poetical selection and one or more prose extracts by Mary Lyon, and which is illustrated prettily and tastefully bound, and makes a very handsome book of its kind.—The other is *Something to Remember* [F. H. Revell Co. 60 cents], by Rose Porter. This also contains similar material but having two or three days upon each page. This also is a neat and pretty little book.

The volume of Rev. Daniel Dorchester, D. D., on *Christianity in the United States* [Hunt & Eaton. \$3.50], which was printed first in 1887,

has been revised by him with his characteristic care, and all the departments have been brought down to the end of 1894. A few additional diagrams have been added in the way of illustration and the volume constitutes one of the most comprehensive and helpful treatises upon religious and ecclesiastical matters in this country to be found. It is one of those books that ministers want to refer to from time to time and need to have at hand, and every public library should include it.—Prof. A. B. Bruce has supplied the introduction to Rev. J. M. Campbell's little book, *The Indwelling Christ*, the purpose of which is to add point to the doctrine of the divine immanence from a Christological standpoint. The author thinks that this doctrine is endangered by pantheistic tendencies and seeks to show that it is not enough to say that there is in man a divine element; he holds that there is in man a divine personal presence whose name is Christ. The book is stimulating and in some respects striking [F. H. Revell Co. 75 cents].—The same publishers have sent us a volume of lectures, by the late Mr. Spurgeon, *The Soul Winner* [\$1.25]. Some of these lectures were delivered to his Pastor's College and the remainder, which are in some instances sermons, also were used by him on one or two other occasions. The volume illustrates his familiar characteristics, homely sense, earnestness, vividness of illustration and tenderness of appeal.

The most recent number of the Expositor's Bible is the *Book of Jeremiah, Chapters XXI-LII* [A. C. Armstrong & Son. \$1.50]. The book forms practically a supplement to Rev. C. J. Bolles's volume on Jeremiah in the same series, and exhibits the features which have now become familiar to Biblical scholars in connection with the series. We notice nothing unusual in these pages.—Rev. J. R. Miller, D. D., has prepared a volume for household devotions entitled *Family Prayers for Thirteen Weeks*. Those who care for printed prayers at family devotion will do well to examine the book. It is in many respects as good as any we have ever seen.—The Revell Co. has issued *Arnold's Practical Sabbath School Commentary on the International Lessons for 1896*. It is in type too fine for many eyes, but is a well-arranged and serviceable book in other respects.

The Report of the Bi-Centennial Celebration of the First Congregational Church and Society of Bridgeport, Ct., which was held June 12 and 13, makes a substantial and interesting volume which is full of characteristic and valuable material, arranged effectively and so as to be of large and lasting value to those who are especially interested in the history of the church, and of great interest to Christian people in general. The former pastor, who has recently retired from the church, Rev. C. E. Palmer, D. D., presided on the occasion and the exercises were a felicitous blending of the historical with the modern, and the church is to be congratulated on this interesting and permanent memorial of the occasion.

RECENT MISSIONARY PUBLICATIONS.

Missionary work in China is naturally attracting special attention just now, and it is a good time to bring out such a book as *John Livingstone Nevius* [F. H. Revell Co. \$2.00], by his wife. Mrs. Nevius, who was her husband's co-laborer, of course enters with intensest sympathy into the details as well as into the inner motives of his long and useful career. She has written a graphic and most valuable narrative. Dr. Nevius was for forty years foremost in the missionary work in China, accomplished success in a somewhat unusual degree, became the author of several valuable books and, although this volume contains somewhat too much of private and personal detail, no one can read it without appreciating its interest to the general public and especially its rich value to all who are interested in missions. It is illustrated.

Turning from China to Africa, we find

Chronicles of Uganda [A. D. F. Randolph & Co. \$2.00], by Rev. R. P. Ashe, equally well worthy of commendation. It covers a shorter period of time, it is less minute and comprehensive and it is somewhat more affected by political considerations, but it is a vivid and enlightened account of experiences which were difficult and creditable, and which did good service in paving the way for civilization and Christianity to establish themselves.

The third volume at hand is *Pioneering in New Guinea, 1877-1894* [F. H. Revell Co. \$1.50], by Rev. James Chalmers. The author is an experienced and zealous missionary and he has told his story with sympathy and power. It is an encouraging story of many grave difficulties overcome, and will help kindle missionary enthusiasm among its readers. It is illustrated, but we do not like some of the pictures.

ESSAYS.

J. B. Lippincott Co. has sent out for the holiday market two books which must be regarded as much above the average of holiday literature. One is *A Literary Pilgrimage* [\$1.25] to the haunts of famous British authors, and the other is *Literary Shrines* [\$1.25] and treats of the haunts of some famous American authors. Each is by Dr. T. F. Wolfe. They contain perhaps a dozen and a half essays apiece, and the essays contain the result of the observations formed by extended travel, appreciative sight-seeing, wide reading and discriminating criticism. They possess a peculiar flavor of interest which is somewhat hard to define but is very real. They are illustrated prettily, and the two books, which are issued tastefully in a box, will make a delightful Christmas gift. They are the sort of books to have on one's table to be taken up for a half an hour at a time, although they are by no means to be regarded simply as a makeshift with which to pass the time.

Broken Notes from a Grey Nunnery [Lee & Shepard. \$1.25] is the work of Mrs. J. S. Hallock. The nunnery is the author's country home and her pages contain observations of nature, animate and inanimate, in the order of the seasons of the year in which they were taken. It is a volume which all lovers of the country, whether they live there or in the town, will relish. It is illustrated delicately, and is one of those books which bring back the sounds, the scents and the scenes of out of door life in the fields and woods.

Readers of *Harper's Magazine* during the past year will recognize most of the stories in Julian Ralph's new book, *People We Pass* [Harper & Bros. \$1.25]. Some of them are especially faithful studies, and all of them are picturesque and characteristic and point an interest in the common types of life as found in our large cities that most of us fail to appreciate at its real value. Such a book, though written chiefly to inform and amuse, cannot fail to touch the deeper nature of every high-minded reader and leave upon him a keener impression of the many points of fellowship between himself and other men.

Equally vivid, in its way, is the volume of short sketches by Susan Coolidge, entitled *An Old Convent School in Paris and Other Papers* [Roberts Bros. \$1.50]. Whatever subject Miss Coolidge touches she adorns and she has illustrated here her customary facility and felicity in literary work. The historic and the romantic blend in these pages and the book is one which will be appreciated by students of French history.

Margaret and Her Friends [Roberts Bros. \$1.00] has for its subject ten conversations of Margaret Fuller on the Mythology of the Greeks and Its Expression in Art. The contents of the book are reported by Mrs. Caroline W. Healy. In the preface it is intimated that this record is the only attempt ever made to represent any of Margaret Fuller's conversations word for word. It is somewhat amusing to the general public to witness the reverential admiration which a limited circle of

cultivated people seem to feel for Margaret Fuller and one or two other figures of the nearer New England past. Undoubtedly Margaret, as they call her, was in certain respects a brilliant woman and worthy of being admired, but if there is anything in her views or utterances which is conspicuously profound or striking to a degree to justify hero-worship we never have met with it. Such a book as this must have interest for a limited number of now comparatively aged readers, who are not likely to have successors equally enthusiastic, but it always will remain one of the curious incidents of New England history that any man or woman should have been so greatly exalted for such utterances as these.

POETRY.

Two or three new volumes of poetry also await notice. One by Grace D. Litchfield is called *Mimosa Leaves* [G. P. Putnam's Sons. \$1.50]. We have commented favorably before upon this author's verse, and we record afresh the pleasant impression which her poetry makes upon us. She possesses genuine delicacy of conception and a true power over metrical forms.—*Songs and Other Verses* [J. B. Lippincott Co. \$1.25], by Dollie Radford, has the merit of simplicity and some of its poems are noticeably musical. It is quite uneven in merit and there is not very much of it on the whole, but its best work is good work.

Poets' Dogs [G. P. Putnam's Sons. \$1.25] is a collection of verse relating to dogs, which has been edited by Elizabeth Richardson. The literature of the canine race is larger than some people would suppose, and such eminent poets as Cowper, Shakespeare, Lewis Morris, Burns, Mrs. Browning, Tennyson and others are represented in it. The contents of this book are entertaining and are all worthy of their place. The compilation of it was a happy thought and the work has been well done.—*Bryant's Library of Poetry and Song* [Fords, Howard & Hulbert. \$5.00] came out in 1870. The fame of its editor attracted attention to it and it was found to merit the heed it received. It has been a poetical classic ever since. It has now been revised, enlarged by adding productions by some recent writers, and a new feature is a dictionary of poetical quotations. It is illustrated, printed handsomely and makes a fine appearance.

STORIES.

Ian Maclaren's hold upon the reading public will be strengthened by his new volume, *The Days of Auld Lang Syne* [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$1.25], some, if not all, of the chapters of which have appeared already in the magazines. Dumtöchtly is the scene and Drumshough, Dr. Maclure, Jamie Soutar, Dr. Davidson and their neighbors are the actors. The chapters are self-complete yet form a continuous narrative, and, once begun, the book cannot easily be laid aside. Sound sense, wit, pathos, tender human sympathy and Christian manliness pervade it throughout and the people in it become very real to the reader. It is a noble book, truly inspiring and also a fine piece of literary work. We hope that it will be read widely and it will furnish a rich treat.—Dr. C. C. Abbott has stepped aside from his familiar pathway as an author, and instead of nature has undertaken to describe human nature. His observations of birds, animals and plants always are well worth reading and his pictures of old-time life, given in his story, *A Colonial Wooing* [J. B. Lippincott Co. \$1.00], are natural, vivid and often amusing. It tells of Quakerism among the settlers of the region near Philadelphia some two centuries since, and is picturesque and enjoyable.—The period of the civil war in 1645 in England is the time and plain country people are the characters in Walter Raymond's *In the Smoke of War* [Macmillan & Co. \$1.25] and his material is handled with considerable spirit and the book is decidedly readable, while it also has some historical merit.

Thomas Hardy is a serious disappointment to all sensible and high-minded persons. He has become morbid on the subject of sex, and his later stories exhibit this weakness glaringly. The last is *Jude the Obscure* [Harper & Bros. \$1.75], which contains some objectionably suggestive passages and is saturated by an unwholesome atmosphere. It is wicked to teach, as here, that a man is a helpless victim to the influence of woman, and that adultery may be nobler than lawful wedlock. The book exhibits many evidences of Mr. Hardy's ability, but it will bring him more discredit than honor. We are sorry that the Harpers have published it.—*Casa Braccio* [Macmillan & Co. \$2.00], F. Marion Crawford's latest story, illustrates well his power of describing character. He has returned here to Italian scenes and the actors are of two or three nations. The outline of the story is bold and striking and the general tone is somber, at times taking on the qualities of tragedy. The book is more interesting than it is pleasing, and we found it one of the most difficult to lay aside, after having become fairly started with it, of all which we have read from the same source. It points a mighty moral—whether intentionally or not we are not quite sure—and is a strong piece of work. We should not care to have written it ourselves, and do not feel disposed to read it again, but we recommend it to those who appreciate serious and vigorous writing which comes very near being depressing, even while it will not let the attention go.

We are puzzled by Dr. George MacDonald's new story, *Lilith* [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$1.25], and cannot say that we like it. Apparently it is a vision or an allegory, intended to suggest possibilities of the future life for present warning or encouragement. But it is fantastic and at times grotesque, and although many beautiful and cheering passages relieve what might almost be called the strain, caused by its weird and gloomy imaginations, it probably will seem to most readers obscure and overwrought. Of course it illustrates the author's remarkable ability, as well as the noble spirit and purpose which appear in all his writings, but it is the least effective piece of work from his pen which we have seen.—A very different and far more commonplace, yet much more readable story, is *The Track of a Storm* [J. B. Lippincott Co. \$1.25], by Owen Hall. It describes a picturesque instance of self-sacrifice with several illustrations of heroism, and without exhibiting any noteworthy literary or artistic superiority is nevertheless a very interesting story and one which stimulates to lofty conceptions of life.—No. 49 *Tinkham St.* [A. C. McClurg & Co. \$1.00], by C. Emma Cheney, belongs to the growing literature of social amelioration. It is a pleasant story, largely about some bright boys, and it leads up to an effort to reach the street lads by the now familiar means of a boys' club. It is very well told and will be appreciated.—G. B. Burgin, author of *At Tuxter's* [G. P. Putnam's Sons. \$1.00], shows considerable power of lively description and his pages are entertaining in a way, although rather light reading. Now and then, however, he touches a deep note. The book makes one think of passages by Dickens.

One of the keenest studies of social problems that we have met with recently is *A Social Highwayman* [J. B. Lippincott Co. 75 cents], by Elizabeth P. Train. We will not deprive the reader of the pleasure of following the story for himself, but merely call attention to it. It certainly is a remarkably well-written book and has exceptionally graphic passages. It is by no means without brief and valuable moral suggestions, coming from sources quite unusual.—*Wilmot's Child* [Dodd, Mead & Co. 75 cents], by Atey Nyne, strikes us as too light for serious reading and too heavy for entertaining reading. It has an artificial and affected air throughout, as if the writer were very self-conscious. It makes a great deal out of a little, and does not do it notably well.—A little book of stories, *Bohemia Invaded and*

Other Stories [F. A. Stokes Co. 50 cents] by J. L. Ford, contains eight or ten short sketches which are superficial, and yet, in their way, they show some appreciation of life and furnish some amusement. Too many of them are in essentially the same vein, however, and the impression left upon our mind is that the author is abundantly capable of better work.

The long series of Sherburne histories, by Amanda M. Douglass, has been increased—it is not to be supposed that it has been terminated—by an additional volume, *A Sherburne Romance* [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$1.50]. The author's purpose here is to tell the love affair of the heroine of the series, Lyndell Sherburne. There can be no doubt that such a series not only finds but deserves to find many and admiring readers. That it represents an old-fashioned type of novel is nothing to its disadvantage. Many people will insist, and with some reason, that, whatever its faults, the old-fashioned novel exhibits many points of superiority over the modern types of fiction, and we agree with them. This book certainly has the merit of clearly portrayed personality, of picturesqueness and of unostentatious but genuine and impressive integrity. Those who prefer the modern realism have a right to their opinion, but in many cases they substitute chaff for grain. Miss Douglass's public will not think less of her for this book.

—Emma Marshall has another book ready this fall and it is a musical story, or a story about musicians. Handel is the hero and this book is called *The Master of the Musicians* [Macmillan & Co. \$1.50]. Fact and romance are intertwined by the author and the purpose is to present the life of the great musician, regarded as the benefactor of the Foundling Hospital in London. The story, like everything from the author's pen, is well told.

Ouida has added a little book to her long list of larger publications. It is called *Toxin* [F. A. Stokes Co. 75 cents]. It is a story of Venice and of love, of suffering, of overbearing determination and even cruelty. It is principally a study of masculine character and the author has used everything else in the story to form a background against which to throw in bold relief an unscrupulous and domineering hero, who makes a powerful impression but is revolting. The book is more artistic than enjoyable.—*Molly Darling and Other Stories* [J. B. Lippincott Co. 50 cents] is a good example of much of the lightest of modern light literature, and that is all which need be said about it.—Two numbers of the Renaissance Booklets are *A Day's Time Table*, by E. S. Elliott, and *A Wastrel Redeemed*, by David Lyall. They are issued by the Fleming H. Revell Co. and cost 30 cents apiece; the former, under the guise of a bright little story, directs attention to the number and the proper use of daily opportunities. The latter points out how opportunities apparently wasted may be redeemed.

Miss Jerry [Charles Scribner's Sons. \$1.00], by Alexander Black, is half a story and half a play. Its several scenes were photographed from living people, although the interiors, with a single exception, are fictitious. The author's purpose was really to illustrate the close relationship between fiction, dramatic representation and photography, as well as certain possibilities of illustration. He has endeavored to illustrate art by life and from every point of view the book is somewhat unusually interesting. Of course the pictures add very greatly to its readableness.—*Christmas Week at Bigler's Mill* [American Baptist Publication Society. 75 cents] is by Dora E. W. Spratt, and is a sketch of Negro character and experiences. It is short but suggestive and entertaining.—Mary E. Ireland, in *What I Told Dorcas* [E. P. Dutton & Co. \$1.25], has written a story which relates to missions and mission work. It is intended to increase interest therein and will serve well for the purpose suggested in the preface, that

of being read aloud at the meetings of certain missionary organizations, such as sewing societies. It is a pleasant blending of romance and religion and seems well adapted to its general object.

JUVENILE.

Rudyard Kipling's second *Jungle Book* [The Century Co. \$1.50] has something of the manner and spirit of the first, but as a whole is much inferior to that. It is not a connected narrative, but a collection of jungle and other stories and short poems, most of which, if not all, have been published already. One or two of them, such as *Red Dog*, exhibit the author at the climax of his peculiar descriptive powers, but we do not quite believe in the appropriateness of so much description of bloody carnage in stories for the young. No one will deny the interest of the contents of his book, but few will rank it as the equal of the former volume.—George M. Fenn stands very high among the authors of books for boys whose work has always its own assurance of welcome. His present volume, *The Young Castellan* [J. B. Lippincott Co. \$1.50], is a tale of the English Civil Wars. He has studied up his history with his usual care, has constructed his narrative with his customary skill, and has told his story with his familiar vivacity and vigor. A few illustrations add to the attractiveness of the book and the boys will relish it highly.

It is not an easy matter, by no means as easy as it seems, to write in dialect, and the Irish dialect is perhaps as difficult to manage as any. But Mrs. Elizabeth W. Champney, in *Paddy O'Leary and His Learned Pig* [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$1.00], not only has caught the Hibernian turn of speech, as well as its sound, but has entered successfully into the spirit of the supposed Irish characters. The result is an exceedingly amusing and readable little volume, which has been illustrated aptly and issued in a dainty shape.—Hezekiah Butterworth gives his readers at least one book a year, and the latest product of his pen is *The Knight of Liberty* [D. Appleton & Co. \$1.50], which is based upon a true story and is intended to illustrate the life of La Fayette. The author's works, in the series of which this is one, are intended to contain striking stories which throw into bold relief the lives of particular heroes and reveal their characters and stimulate imitation of them. Mr. Butterworth has written this book in his customary sprightly and acceptable manner and the young people will not fail to do justice to it.

Little Jollib's Christmas [Cong. S. S. & Pub. Society. 50 cents] introduces the reader to a poor deformed lad in a children's home, who conquers unfriendliness by his bright stories and the power of love and good will. It is most graphically and touchingly narrated.—*Jan and Nockie of Tappan Zee* [Roberts Bros. 50 cents] by M. Carrie Hyde, is a short story which has a Dutch atmosphere, and which the boys and girls will read through quickly because it is short and delightfully because it is enjoyable. Its pictures enhance its attractiveness.—*Gypsy's Cousin Joy* [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$1.50] is a sequel to *Gypsy Breynton*, which came out in a new dress last year and the two have inaugurated the *Gypsy Series*. Both of them are from the pen of Elizabeth Stuart Phelps and are illustrated by Mary F. Clark. The *Gypsy Series* is now thirty years old and its original readers are grown up, but their children and grandchildren will experience the same pleasure which they derived from these books.

There is something about the Italian child which is peculiarly striking and fascinating. Such a book as Margaret Bouvet's *A Child of Tuscany*, which W. P. Hooper has illustrated, is more than a mere pleasant story. It is a representation of national as well as personal character which appeals to the young reader's mind and helps furnish him with wider notions of the world. In this story are very touching scenes, and some amusing ones mod-

ify the even flow of the narrative, and the book may be regarded as a safe favorite of the season.—Alaska is the scene and three bright boys fond of hunting are the heroes of *The Mammoth Hunters* [Lothrop Publishing Co. 75 cents] by Willis B. Allen. Their adventures and other experiences make agreeable reading for the boys.—*Bessie and Bee* [Hunt & Eaton. 75 cents] is Mrs. Mary D. Brine's contribution to the literature of the holidays. It is a vivacious and charming narrative of childhood and mature life and the pictures are as good as the text.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Readers of the *Pall Mall Magazine* will not fail to recall the admirable chapters which have been coming out in that publication about Westminster in London. They have just been brought into a most attractive form by their author, Sir Walter Besant, and the F. A. Stokes Co. has published the book in a tasteful and alluring manner. It bears the title *Westminster* [\$3.00]. The author is well up in the history of this part of London, and has gleaned its prominent features and grouped them in an orderly and highly picturesque arrangement, and has used the charm of his literary skill to make the narrative more than a mere record. The book is richly and most charmingly illustrated and will rank from the first among the standard works upon this subject. We trust that other copies, however, are better bound than our own.

It is a surprise to learn how much literary material, that had its origin in Coleridge, has remained unpublished. Not that the world cannot survive in comfort even if it do not possess the last item of his literary achievements. Nevertheless, many things which he wrote are of sufficient literary interest to have warranted their publication long ago. Such a book as that which has just been compiled by E. H. Coleridge and which bears the title *Alma Poetæ* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$2.50] is sure of an interested welcome. It is taken from his notebooks and it contains aphorisms, reflections, confessions and soliloquies which reveal much of the moral and mental make-up of the man, and which throw incidental light frequently upon other men, as upon many subjects. The book is not one to read through in an orderly way, but to take up as the subject of occasional meditation of longer or shorter duration.

Gilbert White's *Natural History of Selborne and Observations on Nature* [D. Appleton & Co. \$3.50] is out in a new and very pretty two-volume edition, to which John Burroughs has furnished the introduction and which has been supplied with illustrations by Clifton Johnson. So widely known and much read a book needs no mention beyond the announcement of its reissue in this dainty and appropriate form.—During the last thirty years many articles have appeared in the *New York Nation* from the pen of Mr. E. L. Godkin, which have made a considerable impression on the public for a certain pungency of style and phrase. A selection of these papers now has been made and they form a volume called *Reflection and Comment. 1865-1895* [Charles Scribner's Sons. \$2.00]. Among the topics considered are The Comic Paper Question, Mr. Horace Greely, Circumstantial Evidence, Tyndall and the Theologians, The South after the War, Commencement Admonitions, Living in Europe and Going to It, The Survival of Types, etc. It may always be said of Mr. Godkin that, whether or not one agree with his views or approve of his style of uttering himself, one must concede the pith and point, the grasp and impressiveness, of what he has to say. There is more material of lasting value in *The Nation* than in most such publications, and more of it is contributed by Mr. Godkin than by almost any one else, so far as we can judge. Such a book as this possesses especial interest as indicating, in a certain sense, something of the de-

velopment of mind, manners and morals, and of a critic of them, for thirty years in a country like our own.

Volumes dealing with local history are become very common and here is another in that delightful manner which chooses and emphasizes the salient features of a narrative without following the years in detail, and which is romantic without sacrificing truth. It is *An Old New England Farm* [Charles Scribner's Sons. \$2.00] by F. S. Childs. It describes Fairfield, Ct., and one immediate result of reading it is that the reader wants to move thither to live. The town is one of the best of the typical New England towns, and has had an audaciously interesting history, and Mr. Childs has exhibited large intelligence and good taste in the performance of his task. A very small *édition de luxe* also has been prepared which is not for sale, but numbered copies of a special edition of 275 can be had at five dollars.—Polish customs and feelings come into view to some degree and entertainingly in Kasimir Dziekonska's translation of *The Journal of Countess Franciska Krasinska* [A. C. McClurg & Co. \$1.25], who was born about a century and a half ago, was a daughter of a noble house, and married a son of the Polish king. Her journal is fragmentary and relates only to her personal surroundings and experiences. She married almost surreptitiously, because of political reasons, and her life afterwards was sad. The principal attraction of the book to the general reader is its graphic pictures of wedding preparations and scenes and other special occasions. It is printed tastefully and is illustrated.

Mr. Albert Shaw's volume on Municipal Government in Great Britain since coming out last January is already about to appear in its third edition. His *Municipal Governments of Continental Europe* [Century Co. \$2.00] is in the same general vein and exhibits similar evidences of fidelity in research. The French municipalities, as illustrated typically in Paris, those of the Low Countries, of Spain, recent progress in Italy, the form and functions of city government in Germany and southeastern Europe, make up the bulk of the book, which contains innumerable details, statistics and kindred material, several valuable appendixes, and is at once a treasury of information and of suggestions of the most practical and considerable value.

Helen H. Johnson has translated from the French of Pierre De Lano *The Emperor Napoleon III.* [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$1.25], the second volume in the series known as *The Secret of the Empire*. M. De Lano has written with some dramatic skill and with considerable historic pains, and his book, which is brief and terse in comparison with most other biographies of the emperor, will satisfy many who do not care for more elaborate accounts. It gives a good idea of what is, perhaps, a prevalent French impression of the departed emperor. He is not hated, but neither is he admired. He is regarded as a dreamer, a man who too often sacrificed others for his own purposes, but who seldom failed in gentleness or compassion to those beneath him and whose failure was due to others as much as to himself.

A volume by Rev. Dr. Thomas Hill, formerly president of Harvard, is entitled *The Postulates of Revelations and of Ethics* [George H. Ellis. \$1.00], is out, of which many of his pupils and former friends would be glad. It has been printed, in part, in the Unitarian Review, but about ten years ago. It is a characteristic discussion of a profound subject, such as he loved to handle, and such as required for its treatment a mental taste and training such as his. The book is in a sense a memorial volume, and has his portrait for a frontispiece.—A book on money, by a conceded expert like Mr. Horace White, is sure of being read. This book is called *Money and Banking, Illustrated by American History* [Ginn & Co. \$1.50] and is partly historical

and partly a discussion and an argument. Mr. White believes in the entire separation of the government from the banking business, which is certainly sound doctrine, and would like to see the Scotch banking system which he considers the best in the world, introduced into this country as it has been into Canada. The book is a terse, comprehensive, enlightened study of its subject and deserves the attention of business men throughout the country.

Successward [Fleming H. Revell Co. \$1.00] by E. W. Bok is another one in the long list of books for young men. It deals with the customary topics: Self-Knowledge, Business Integrity and Capacity, Amusements, Marriage, Religion, etc. It is impossible to say anything strictly novel upon any of these topics but Mr. Bok has expressed sound views sensibly and invitingly.—There is a good deal of special interest as well as considerable information in such a book as *Our Common Speech* [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$1.25], which contains six lectures by G. M. Tucker. They deal with the proper use of the English language, with current changes therein, and with the labors of dictionary makers. There is a suggestive chapter on degraded words, such as vulgar, which once meant simply general, public, and is now offensive in its meaning. Dictionaries, ancient and modern, are given considerable space and one of the most interesting features of the book is the part upon American English.

The lofty purpose of Dr. William Kent, the author of *Substantial Christian Philosophy* [J. B. Alden, \$1.00], is obvious upon every page. His purpose is to discriminate between true and false science and to warn his readers, especially the young, against infidelity, materialism and atheism. The book is a somewhat miscellaneous collection of material, and blends philosophy, science, anatomy, and theology in a truly picturesque confusion.—The pictures in *Among the Pueblo Indians* [Merriam & Co. \$1.75] by Carl and Lihan W. Eickemeyer, attract the reader at once and the narrative which constitutes the short, well-written chapters tells of life in New Mexico. It does not profess to be anything else. The book is an account of a visit and it is as full of interest and as successful in its general impressions as any mere visit could render possible.—There is no royal road to learning, yet, in some sense one may be made more interesting that it has been, and Dr. Mary Wood-Allen in *The Marvels of Our Bodily Dwelling* [Wood-Allen Co. \$1.00] has undertaken to beguile the young into a greater admiration of physiology than they otherwise would know. In some respects the analogy of the book is pressed too far, but on the whole it is a help and the instruction which it includes is more effective for many minds.

NOTES.

—Harper's *Round Table* was sixteen years old last month.

—Mr. Du Maurier's poor health is his excuse for refusing to lecture in the United States.

—Ex-President Harrison is writing a series of articles for women in *The Ladies' Home Journal*. They are about Our Country.

—Matthew Arnold's forthcoming volumes of letters are in no sense a biography, yet contain much personal material of great interest.

—Mr. Edward Bok, editor of *The Ladies' Home Journal*, is in demand in the lecture field but has refused an offer of \$5,000 for fifty lectures.

—A syndicate of authors has been formed for the purpose of keeping up the prices of their productions. Only writers of repute are to be admitted.

—Mr. R. D. Blackmore, author of *Lorna Doone* and other novels, is almost seventy

years old. Somehow one always thinks of him as quite a young man.

— On its twenty-fifth anniversary *The Century* celebrated in part by an exhibition at its offices of all the posters it has ever issued, so far as they could be recovered.

— They are having a lively battle in England just now over the poetical merit of Mr. William Watson. *The Saturday Review* condemns and sneers at him but *The Spectator* and many, if not most, of the literary people defend and praise him.

— The New York correspondent of the *Literary World* well says that "any foreign author, especially any English author, who takes the trouble to come to this country without having the earning of money for his motive, deserves an especially warm welcome."

— *The Roman Catholic* still issues a list of books which no Catholic is permitted to read. These include all those which conflict with Catholic teaching as well as those which are morally unclean, and a body of cardinals appointed by the Pope decide what books shall be placed on the proscribed list. Among those condemned have been works of Bacon, Hallam, Milton, Locke, Whately and Victor Hugo. It is a great advance in the appreciation of literature that books which used to be burned are now only listed as forbidden. Nothing does more to advertise a book than to have somebody who claims authority forbid the reading of it.

BOOKS OF THE WEEK.

- Lothrop Publishing Co. Boston.*
THE BOY LIFE OF NAPOLEON. By Madame Eugénie Foa. pp. 251. \$1.25.
THE YOUNG CASCARILLERO. By Marlon Downing and Harry W. French. pp. 183. \$1.00.
CHILD SKETCHES FROM GEORGE ELIOT. By Julia Magruder. pp. 214. \$1.25.
THE HOBBLEDEHOY. By Belle C. Greene. pp. 261. \$1.25.
Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Boston.
THE MYSTERY OF WITCH-FACE MOUNTAIN. By Charles E. Craddock. pp. 279. \$1.25.
RULING IDEAS OF THE PRESENT AGE. By Washington Gladden. pp. 239. \$1.25.
BALLADS OF BLUE WATER AND OTHER POEMS. By James J. Roche. pp. 68. \$1.25.
Roberts Bros. Boston.
HISTORY OF DOGMA. Vol. I. By Dr. Adolph Harnack. Translated by Neil Buchanan. pp. 364. \$2.50.
SOME UNCONVENTIONAL PEOPLE. By Mrs. J. G. Webb. pp. 216. \$1.25.
IMAGINATION IN LANDSCAPE PAINTING. By Philip Gilbert Hamerton. pp. 237. \$2.00.
CONSTANTINOPLE. Two vols. By E. A. Grosvenor. pp. 413, 398.

Leach, Shewell & Sanborn. Boston.
THE STUDENTS' SERIES: Terence Phormio. Notes by H. C. Elmer, Ph.D. pp. 182. \$1.00.

H. L. Hastings. Boston.
THE HASTINGS BIRTHDAY BOOK. pp. 398. \$1.00.

Ginn & Co. Boston.
LES PRECIEUSES RIDICULES. By Molière. Introduction and notes by M. W. Davis. pp. 162. 85 cents.

W. F. Adams Co. Springfield.
PICTURESQUE WORCESTER. Part I. By E. Kingsley and F. Knab. pp. 165. \$3.00.

Harper Bros. New York.
DOROTHY AND OTHER ITALIAN STORIES. By Constance F. Woolson. pp. 287. \$1.25.
THE RED COCKADE. By Stanley J. Weyman. pp. 394.

DIXIE. By Julian Ralph. pp. 412. \$2.50.
Macmillan & Co. New York.
THE MODERN READER'S BIBLE: The Proverbs. Edited by R. G. Moulton, M.A., Ph.D. pp. 193. 50 cents.

THE YEARS THAT THE LOCUST HATH EATEN. By Annie E. Holdsworth. pp. 396. \$1.25.

Charles Scribner's Sons. New York.
IN SCRIPTURE LANDS. By E. L. Wilson. pp. 379. \$1.50.

DOMESTICATED ANIMALS. By N. S. Shaler. pp. 267. \$2.50.
AMOS JUDD. By J. A. Mitchell. pp. 199. 75 cents.

THE POOR IN GREAT CITIES. By Robert A. Woods, W. J. Tucker and others. pp. 400. \$3.00.

INTRODUCTION TO THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS. By P. J. Gloag, D.D. pp. 230. \$3.00.
THE BROTHERHOOD OF MANKIND. By J. H. Crawford, M.A. pp. 379. \$2.00.

Funk & Wagnalls. New York.
THE HOLY SPIRIT THE PARACLETE. By Rev. John Robson. pp. 248. \$1.50.
THE ELEMENTS OF HIGHER CRITICISM. By A. C. Zenos. pp. 255. \$1.00.

Cassell Publishing Co. New York.
GIRLS NEW AND OLD. By L. T. Meade. pp. 348. \$1.50.

Longmans, Green & Co. New York.
GATHERING CLOUDS. By F. W. Farrar. pp. 593. \$2.00.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON DAY BY DAY. By Elizabeth B. Johnston. pp. 297. \$2.50.

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A SAVAGE OF CIVILIZATION. pp. 403. \$1.00.
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G. P. Putnam's Sons. New York.
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CAPTAIN ANTIFER. By Jules Verne. pp. 319. \$1.25.
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Fleming H. Revell Co. New York.
THE DIARY OF A JAPANESE CONVERT. By Kanō Uchida. pp. 212. \$1.00.

FROM FAR FORMOSA. By George L. Mackay, D.D. pp. 346. \$2.00.

Merrimac Co. New York.
ELFIE AND THE KATYDID. By F. V. and E. J. Austin. pp. 80. \$1.25.

BOY'S LIFE OF GENERAL GRANT. By T. W. Knox.
T. Y. Crowell & Co. New York.
THE MINUTE-MAN ON THE FRONTIER. By Rev. W. G. Pufferfoot, A.M. pp. 326. \$1.25.

Hunt & Eaton. New York.
LITERATURE OF THEOLOGY. By J. F. Hurst. pp. 757. \$4.00.

Mayflower Pub. Co. Floral Park, N. Y.
AND THE SWORD FELL. By Carrie G. Childs. pp. 221.

J. B. Lippincott Co. Philadelphia.
TROOPER ROSS AND SIGNAL BUTTE. By Capt. Charles King, U.S.A. pp. 297. \$1.50.
HERBERT VAN LENNERT. By C. F. Keary. pp. 515. \$1.25.

American Baptist Pub. Society. Philadelphia.
THE TEMPTATION OF KATHERINE GRAY. pp. 380. \$1.50.

Henry T. Coates & Co. Philadelphia.
SPAIN AND THE SPANIARDS. Two vols. By Edmondo De Amicis. pp. 233, 392. \$5.00.

Porter & Coates. Philadelphia.
THE FIRESIDE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF POETRY. Collected and arranged by H. T. Coates. pp. 1,021. \$3.50.

PAPER COVERS.

Rev. A. Pearson. Nashville, Tenn.
HISTORY OF THE ATONEMENT DISCUSSIONS. By Rev. Alonzo Pearson. pp. 345.

Bible Institute Colportage Association. Chicago.
SELECT POEMS. pp. 125. 15 cents.

Simpkin Marshall & Co. London.
THE CHRIST HAS COME. pp. 180.

Kegan Paul, Trench, Trubner & Co. London.
THE SOCIETY FOR PSYCHICAL RESEARCH. July Report. pp. 332.

J. S. Lockwood. Boston.
THE CONCEPTION OF GOD. By Josiah Royce, Ph.D. pp. 84. 50 cents.

Lorenz & Co. Dayton, O.
LOOKING SUNDAY. By E. E. Hewitt and E. S. Lorenz. pp. 48. 35 cents.

MAGAZINES.

October. *CRITICAL REVIEW.—THE PULPIT*
 November. *FORTNIGHTLY REVIEW.—TODAY.—THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY.—BARYLAND.—THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE.*

December. *CASSELL'S FAMILY MAGAZINE.—THE QUIVER.—THE PALL MALL GAZETTE.—FRANK LESLIE'S POPULAR MONTHLY.—THE MISSIONARY HERALD.—NICKELL MAGAZINE.—SCRIBNER'S.—HARPER'S MONTHLY.—ST. NICHOLAS.—THE CRITIC.*

The cry goes up from the weak to the strong appealing to the latter to forefend the former from the ravages of alcoholic beverages. At the last Maori Parliament the following resolution was passed:

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From Rev. W. G. Pufferfoot's *Minute Man on the Frontier*. (T. Y. Crowell & Co.)



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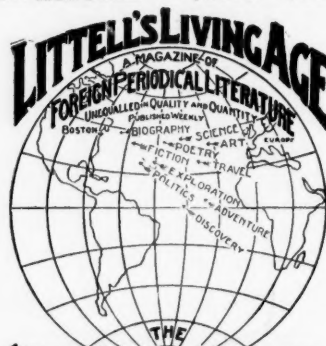
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FOREIGN MISSIONARY PRAYER MEETING in the rooms of the Woman's Board of Missions every Friday at 11 A. M.

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PASSING COMMENT.

Thanksgiving can be made a day of special blessing to the churches. The union service takes the members outside their own meeting houses into the homes of others. The mingling of denominations as of congregations was a conspicuous feature in the many reports which for lack of space do not appear in our columns. Reviewing the good fortune of our own nation this year, the sufferers in other lands had a large share of the sympathy of a thankful people and large offerings were rolled up while stirring resolutions were being presented. The C. E. Societies in more places than one have left an impression upon the unfortunate classes, to whom otherwise Thanksgiving would have no significance.

"It is an education to the people in individual responsibility," writes a correspondent of the plan of wiping out the debt of a church by solicited subscriptions. True, it is that; but the rudiments of the education, systematic giving, should in no case be neglected. Were they always instilled, perhaps the later more severe training would not be necessary.

We hear of a pastor whose tenth-giving was followed so faithfully of late that at the end of a year he had given one-third of the entire home missionary benevolences of his church. Such generosity would excuse a pastor from adding his name to the "pastors' fund" for missions.

At what better place could an ex-Confederate soldier and a Grand Army man meet than at a local conference of churches, as happened in a Southern State recently. Now, as brothers in a nobler cause, they advance against a common enemy.

"Emergency offerings!" Let us have more of them and let the churches everywhere remember that we have only begun to record the many which are yet to come.

From several sections come reports of efforts to fight the saloon on an even ground and in some instances in its own home.

CONFERENCES AND ASSOCIATIONS.

MASS.—The Barnstable County Conference met in Harwich Center, Nov. 12, 13. The subjects were: Methods of Work This Winter, The Conditions for Church Membership, The National Council Reports, Sunday Evening Services, The Authority of Jesus Christ. The sermon was by Rev. A. J. Haynes. Resolutions on a variety of topics, temperance in chief, were passed with earnestness.

CONGREGATIONAL CLUBS.

MO.—The St. Louis Club at its latest meeting was addressed by Gen. G. H. Shields, whose paper on Political Life in Washington was highly appreciated. Dr. C. S. Sargent was elected president.

N. Y.—The Brooklyn Club met Nov. 25. An Old New England Thanksgiving was the subject. Dr. J. E. Twitchell's humorous references to the Brooklyn pastors were keenly enjoyed; and his vindication of the fair name of New Haven from recent aspersions was applauded. Dr. C. C. Creagan asked all who were not sure of their descent from the Pilgrims of the Mayflower to stand, and five-sixths of the large company responded. An original poem by Mrs. M. E. Sangster and the music of the Tompkins Avenue Church choir added to the pleasure of the occasion.

NEW ENGLAND. Massachusetts.

CAMBRIDGE.—North Avenue. The resignation of Rev. F. H. Smith was accepted by the church last Friday evening, and a committee was chosen to provide pulpit supply. The meeting was free from any manifestation of disagreement, and the disposition of the members was apparent and earnest to bring about restored harmony and to foster the spiritual life of the church.

DORCHESTER.—Second. Last Sunday the church showed practical sympathy for the suffering Armenians by contributing \$425 to go to them through the American Board. Dr. Arthur Little preached to a congregation of 800 persons.

SALEM.—The Protestant churches, with the exception of the Episcopal, united, as for years has been the custom, in worship on Thanksgiving Day in the Tabernacle meeting house.

NEWBURYPORT.—Prospect Street. The new pastor, Rev. M. O. Patton, preached most acceptably before the united churches of the city Thanksgiving Day. He has a united church and the regard of his colleagues in his new field.—North. Rev. C. P. Mills has given up his remarkably successful Sunday night lectures on his recent *Congregationalist* tour, and will complete the series on week day evenings in the City Hall at a fixed admission fee. Mrs. Mills assisted him in his last lecture, reciting several rhymed descriptions of amusing experiences of the party. Mr. Mills has added new laurels to his already honorable reputation for brilliant oratory.—Whitefield. Rev. J. H. Reid has preached a valuable series of sermons on Child Training. The Sunday school has recently added a kindergarten department.—Belleville. The recent rally for home missions, which brought together representatives of ten churches, has quickened missionary interest and helped to distribute for the light of many homes a package of Secretary Puddefoot's water-color sketches which were eagerly bought at the close of the afternoon session. A sad ending to the day was the death of Mrs. Einfeld upon the street as she hastened to catch a car for home. She was an honored member of the Salisbury Point Church.—The Newburyport churches are co-operating to advance the no-license sentiment of the city. The local union of the Y. P. S. C. E., through its good citizenship committee, has done something to organize and vivify the temperance sentiment. One local society, through a Thanksgiving social, provided nearly thirty families with abundant supplies and delicacies for the sick.

LOWELL.—First. Miss Annie S. Harlow, the well-known Sunday school worker, has resigned her position as pastor's assistant, which she has held for twelve years, to accept an invitation to work in Hon. John Wanamaker's Sunday school of the Bethany Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa. She will be greatly missed, not only in Lowell but throughout New England, where she has been a frequent and popular speaker at Sunday school conventions.

FALL RIVER.—At a union Thanksgiving service, after the claims of the suffering Armenians had been presented, an offering of \$451 was taken. An appeal to the city will undoubtedly increase the amount.

WORCESTER.—Second Swedish. This new church made Thanksgiving an all day church service, with a sermon in the morning, dinner at noon, a social afternoon and a supper and preaching service in the evening.—Rev. S. A. Harlow read a scholarly paper before the ministerial Union Monday morning on The Second Coming of Christ.—The Worcester Endeavorers gave a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner to 200 men at Welcome Mission.

SPENCER.—First. At the Sunday school rally last week, despite unfavorable conditions, there was a large attendance and a collection of \$26 taken for the C. H. M. S. A union Thanksgiving service of all denominations was held with the Universalist church, Rev. T. S. St. Anbin preaching the sermon.

ATHOL.—The church has just raised \$300 for the General Howard Fund. A home missionary rally was held recently, the pastor, Rev. E. S. Gould, preaching. Four or five prominent speakers indorsed the work of the society.

Maine.

UNION.—A farewell reception to Rev. H. J. Wells was given last week, previous to his leaving for his new field of labor. During the past year the church has made the creditable record of giving in all about \$200 to missions, which sum for the first time exceeds by a good deal the amount of missionary aid received. The additions of the year number fifty-four, all but four on confession.

BROWNVILLE.—Special meetings have been held for a week. Conversions are reported and the whole town has been interested. Church members have been awakened to new activity.

ELLSWORTH.—On a recent Sunday the offering of the church was devoted to sending a religious paper to the church in Little Deer Isle, where preaching services for the present have been discontinued.

New Hampshire.

MERIDITH.—This church is happily united in its new pastor, Rev. R. C. Osgood, and the general work is assuming phases which augur well for the

future. A good degree of enthusiasm has been aroused, Sunday school work is entering on a new era of prosperity, and teachers' meetings have been established, the good results of which are already manifest. A missionary society has been organized, whose monthly meetings fill the vestry. An earnest appeal for the suffering Christians of Armenia brought in an offering of \$13 for their relief. Monthly union services of the three churches are having a favorable influence, and a canvass of the town by the pastors is going on for a strong endeavor to promote the interests of the Sunday schools in the home department.

CENTER HARBOR.—The work shows a good degree of prosperity with but few discouraging features. A woman's prayer meeting, a Junior and Senior Christian Endeavor meeting and a workers' Bible training class are regularly sustained. Thirty dollars have lately been raised for a workers' library. A good number of parishioners paid a visit to the parsonage recently, carrying with them substantial tokens of their esteem and generosity, much to the cheer and encouragement of the occupants.

CONCORD.—A home missionary rally was held last Sunday, at which a strong corps of speakers was present: Rev. Messrs. H. D. Wiard, W. G. Puddefoot, C. W. Shelton, A. T. Hillman and Mrs. Caswell. The meetings were largely attended, and the missionary offering, \$1,000, will doubtless be increased.

MARLBORO.—At a union Thanksgiving service resolutions were passed condemning the Armenian outrages, and encouraging the influences which shall help to put an end to them.

The church edifice in Barrington is undergoing various needed interior improvements. The church in Milford lately held its 107th anniversary dinner, at which Rev. F. D. Ayer, a former pastor, gave the address.—Epping is to receive \$40,000 by the will of the late Capt. D. L. Harvey for the establishment and support of a free public library.—The late Lucinda K. Taft left to the churches in Littleton and Hancock \$2,000 each.—The church in Chester has raised \$100 for the C. H. M. S.

Vermont.

ROCHESTER.—The meeting house, after its late remodeling, was reopened for service two weeks ago. It is an old building, owned in part by the town and still used in the first story for town purposes. The portion occupied by the church has been thoroughly remodeled and it is now one of the most pleasing auditoriums in the State. The stairways and ante-room are new and everything has been done to provide accommodations inferior to none. A specialist in such work was employed and desirable results were produced at a comparatively small outlay. It was done under the architectural supervision of Mr. T. W. Silloway of 10 Park Square, Boston.

BRATTLEBORO WEST.—At the annual church gathering the response to the roll-call was the largest for five years. The church has increased in numbers and the finances are in good condition.

Connecticut.

HARTFORD.—Fourth. Rev. H. H. Kelsey preached a special military sermon last week Sunday, the entire city battalion and other companies being present in full dress uniform. Mr. Kelsey is chaplain of the First Regiment.—Pearl Street. The special meeting of the church to hear the report of the committee on the proposed consolidation with Park Church brought out a large congregation.

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The committee was in favor of union and of giving up the present place of worship. The church was reluctant to surrender everything to the Park Church and rejected the report.

BRIDGEPORT.—Olivet. The twenty-fifth anniversary of the church was celebrated with an interesting program and large attendance, particularly from out of town. This was also the tenth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. E. K. Holden. Rallyes of the Sunday school, C. E. Society and Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip were successfully carried out and many greetings from sister churches were received. The chief address was by Rev. S. H. Emery. The church is in a prosperous condition.

GLASTONBURY.—First. On a recent Sunday the pastor, Rev. G. F. Waters, preached on The Needs of Our Boards and gave notice of an emergency offering for the following Sunday, which amounted to \$260, with more to come. The C. H. M. S. will receive over \$100, which places the church on the General Howard Roll of Honor.

EAST HADDAM.—The representative of the Connecticut Bible Society has visited every family in the town and in addition to the work she has thus done in reaching the homes she has conducted religious services in meeting houses, schoolhouses and private dwellings. Thus she has helped the people to a number of conversions. Nearly half of all the families are Congregationalists.

SHELTON.—Rev. L. M. Kenneston, who fought hard against this town's going license, now purposes to continue his fight against the saloons, even though license is in vogue. He has opened a night school, reading-room and game parlor in the basement of his church and already appreciation is shown in the liberal patronage.

CHESTER.—The floor of the auditorium has been relaid and lowered about four inches. The metal ceiling has been put on and the building is now in the hands of the painters. New pews will be put in also.

NEW HAVEN.—United. The recent collection for the American Board, taken on a stormy Sunday morning, amounted to \$556.

WASHINGTON.—The Woman's Missionary Society as its thank offering last week raised \$30 for the suffering Armenians.

Connecticut people are anxious about the safety of their missionaries working in western Turkey. Five from this State are laboring among the Armenians: Rev. H. S. Barnum, Mrs. H. P. Barnum, Mrs. O. N. Crawford, Miss F. E. Griswold and Miss S. C. Hatch.

MIDDLE STATES.

New York.

OLEAN.—Rev. J. H. McKee is doing a faithful and successful work in this difficult field, his church having the reputation of being the most spiritual and best organized in town. The tithing system prevails among the members, and some of the clerks and bookkeepers who are members of the congregation contribute as much as \$50 a year toward the expenses.

NORTH JAVIA.—Rev. F. E. Dark, the pastor, has added the Presbyterian church in Johnsonburg to his preaching circuit, making, with Strykersville, three churches. Excellent work is being done on the whole field.

DE PEYSTER.—Rev. W. H. Way closed his pastorate Nov. 17. During his labors here there were fifteen additions, ten on confession. A new library was purchased for the Sunday school and new hymn-books for the church and C. E. Society. Improvements and a new addition to the parsonage, costing \$600, were completed, and a part of the horse sheds have been rebuilt.

GASPORT.—Rev. S. C. Ferris, the pastor, has recently rented the saloon building of the village and will turn it into a sort of parish house for multiplied Christian, social and educational activities, thus ridding the town of a serious source of temptation and trouble, and putting in its place that which will bring varied benefits.

Pennsylvania.

BRADDOCK.—Slavonic. The needs of this mission church are greater than should hinder its fine prospect. A building is especially needed, and help is now assured from several quarters. Neighboring ministers are in favor of encouraging the work as shown by the union meeting recently addressed by Dr. H. A. Schaeffer. The branches of the work in Duquesne and McKeesport are flourishing.

THE INTERIOR.

Ohio.

CLEVELAND.—Plymouth has secured Mr. D. S. Pratt of North Brookfield, Mass., to be director of its newly organized chorus and as lay assistant of

Rev. L. L. Taylor.—Mr. Zoltarelli, an Italian, now studying in Oberlin, is meeting with remarkable success in mission work among the Italians, who live in the neighborhood of Lakeview meeting house. The church has cordially granted the use of its building, and preaching services and Sunday school are conducted in the Italian language. There is a Saturday night school for instruction in the English language, and the missionary finds a cordial welcome in the homes of the people. The work has been taken under the care of the Congregational City Missionary Society, and is in charge of a committee of which Rev. A. B. Cristy is chairman—Iring Street. Dr. D. L. Leonard has opened a lecture course with his popular lecture on his Experiences in the Rocky Mountains. Dr. H. M. Ladd is frequently called on for his two illustrated lectures on the Life of Christ, for which he has views of many of the most famous paintings in the world.

COLUMBUS.—South. Rev. J. L. Bright has been compelled to resign, to take effect at the close of the year. About a year ago he was attacked by "pen paralysis," and together with the severe nervous strain from overwork he has broken down. He has done excellent work in the five years of his pastorate. He organized the church, helped to secure property worth \$15,000 and gathered a membership of about 150. He will be greatly missed at the south end, and he has endeared himself to the community as few pastors are able to do.

CINCINNATI.—Vine Street. The annual meeting reveals a year of encouragement in the midst of discouragements. Fifty-eight persons have been added to the church, forty-eight on confession, a net gain of thirty-six. The enlarged lines of activity have been blessed. The year closes entirely free from debt, with twice the amount for benevolences that was reported last year. The pastor, Rev. Norman Plass, deprived of his vacation by sickness last summer, will now spend two or three weeks in the South.

THOMPSON.—The church celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary, Nov. 21. An able address was given by Rev. D. L. Leonard on Life in 1820. Letters from former pastors, one of whom began his pastorate in 1837, were enjoyed. The days were recalled when the church sustained six Sunday schools in outlying districts and many came three or four miles to prayer meeting. The church has had five houses of worship, the first of logs, the third it now uses as a super-room. The present substantial structure was built in 1869 to replace another destroyed by fire. The hearty unanimity of the church in support of the new pastor, Rev. Willard Town, and his fitness to rally all forces and reach the young people point to a new era of prosperity.

FREEDOM.—The church celebrated its semi-centennial, Nov. 5. Rev. J. R. Conner, formerly of Dover, is now the pastor. This is one of the Western Reserve churches whose history is closely identified with the anti-slavery struggle.

Michigan.

GREENVILLE.—Rev. A. M. Hyde's series of seven sermons on The Sabbath, closing Nov. 24, have attracted remarkably large audiences, persons coming for miles around, and his Sunday evening lec-

tures to young men have packed the house nearly to its utmost capacity.

Wisconsin.

TWO RIVERS.—Recently the church has received fifteen members, twelve on confession and ten of them men. During the year twenty members have been received and sixteen are members of a C. E. Society organized a little more than a year ago in a farming district about nine miles from this city. Since the meeting of the State Convention the church and its three Endeavor Societies have contributed \$12 to home missions and \$19 to the American Board.

EDGERTON.—The Sunday school, with a woman as an unusually efficient superintendent, is more largely represented in the church services than the average, and recently gave an interesting missionary program in place of the regular lesson. A vigorous C. E. Society has been growing notwithstanding the interim of pastorates.

THE WEST.

Minnesota.

DULUTH.—Pilgrim. Since the return of the pastor, Rev. C. H. Patton, from his vacation the church has entered actively into the work. It has just voted to assign the pews and sittings. Seats are still free, however, and great satisfaction is felt in this system. The Sunday school has adopted for the second time the Bible Study Union lessons after an intermission of a year, during which it reverted to the International system. The pastor has insti-

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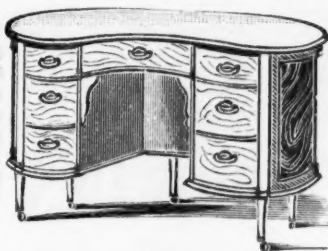
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tuted a Tuesday children's class for religious instruction. Over eighty scholars attend regularly. The seven Congregational ministers of Duluth and West Superior have organized a monthly meeting to discuss the interests of the denomination in the two cities. They have planned a series of fellowship meetings to begin with a Forefathers' Day celebration in West Duluth. In such ways it is hoped to strengthen the bonds between the churches.—*Plymouth.* This church has suffered a sad disappointment in the inability of Rev. O. C. Helming to accept the pastorate on account of illness. He was six weeks on the field and great activity resulted with the future most hopeful. He has been obliged to return to his home.—*Morley* has postponed the attempt to build and is fitting up its present quarters. By dint of hard work during the winter it hopes to raise enough money to build in the spring.

MINNEAPOLIS.—Plymouth. At a recent meeting to consider the resignation of Dr. G. H. Wells, the matter was carefully considered, and owing to the pastor's excellent reasons for his action the church is willing to release him. Hearty testimonies appreciative of Dr. Wells's earnest work and of the harmony existing during the pastorate were heard from many persons present.

WINONA.—First. Dr. West is giving a series of sermons to young people Sunday evenings with good attendance.—*Second.* Rev. S. S. Hebbard of LaCrosse has supplied here for seven months, living at LaCrosse but doing considerable pastoral work, thus assisting the church through a period of financial distress. The work has prospered. He closed his labors Nov. 24.

OWATONNA.—The revival in which Evangelist C. N. Hunt assisted has quickened the spiritual life of the churches, cleared up misunderstandings and brought the churches in touch with the community. A large number of cards were signed, nearly 200 being reported to the Congregational church. Four churches co-operated in the movement, the others not being specially aroused.

BURTRUM.—A stone foundation has been placed under the meeting house. The pastor, Rev. E. N. Ruddock, is caring for a large number of converts who were received in the spring. Most of the people of the vicinity are poor, many of them having lost their money in regions further west and having moved to this section to recuperate. In this and Grey Eagle churches, with out-stations all under the care of one pastor, a good spiritual work is being accomplished.

SHERBURNE.—Under the pastorate of Rev. C. E. Walker, this church with its out-stations is making marked progress and for the present will receive no aid from the H. M. S. Mr. Walker cares for several out-stations.

Nebraska.

OMAHA.—First is still without a pastor. The field is large and promising and ought to be attractive to one who loves work.—*St. Mary's Avenue* is as prosperous as ever. Evening services are kept up by the efforts of the Men's Club. The young people's society is planning for special services under an evangelist.—*Plymouth*, over which much anxiety has been felt, is making progress. The simple preaching of the gospel has drawn largely. The church has united with neighboring churches in special services led by Evangelist W. E. Geil. Cottage prayer meetings have been held in the homes of the church members and rich results are anticipated.

ULYSSSES.—The ladies' aid society held its annual "talent supper" and social Nov. 22. Eighty dollars were needed to cancel old and last debts on the church and parsonage property. At the ingathering of "nickel talents" many reports were made showing rates of increase from twenty-five cents to \$16, the latter from the sale of home-made sun-bonnets. Over \$90 were received. Within a year the women have gathered and paid out \$235. Rev. B. F. Diefenbacher is pastor.

LINCOLN.—First. On Saturday afternoons, once in two weeks, the women invite all young women in the congregation to meet at the church, where a cup of tea is served and some inexpensive entertainment provided. These gatherings have proved enjoyable, especially to students, young men not being barred out.

PACIFIC COAST. Oregon.

SALEM.—First. The annual roll call, Nov. 21, gave reasons for strong encouragement. Gospel singing and recitations were interspersed among the reports. The meeting closed with refreshments.

CORVALLIS.—The pastor, Rev. H. J. Zercher, being somewhat of a musician, has formed a singing circle of thirty-five voices, which he instructs in the rudiments of vocal music, in return for which the

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ASTORIA.—Under the new pastor, Rev. E. S. Bollinger, the work is in an encouraging condition. Financial matters are in excellent shape. The membership, though small, is united and determined to go forward.

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The subject, Teachers' Meetings, was launched by C. E. Eddy, Esq., who briefly pointed out the advantages, purposes and necessity of regular teachers' conferences, whether they be for prayer, study or sociability. All these features were named as essential. The general discussion was free and suggestive, and laid importance chiefly on the devotional and social elements. Not the least important food for serious reflection was a comparison of the abilities of the day school and the Sunday school teacher to give instruction.

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The bank clearings from week to week support the claims of the railroad people, so that we are forced to ascribe the complainings of so many merchants to their disappointment that things are not booming. Booms are more dangerous than the steady growth of trade now in progress.

Industries throughout the country are generally active and labor is well employed. Wages are on a higher basis than a year ago and prosperity is quite widely diffused. There is, of course, room for improvement, but we cannot see how any one who studies conditions now and a year ago can doubt or fail to see the great strides of recovery which the country has made.

Iron and steel continue to decline in price. The enormous advance during the summer was evidently too great to hold. Bessemer pig receded last week twenty-five cents more and steel billets were also a trifle lower. Not much increase in the demand for iron products is expected until about Feb. 1.

Wool and cotton both hold firm, which tends to stiffen or maintain prices on the manufactured goods. New England woolen mills are understood to have large orders to fill, several refusing to book any more. Cotton mills are doing a good business, and an agent of one of the largest print mills says that the sale of prints for the spring trade is progressing very satisfactorily and is much ahead of last year.

The stock market has presented no new features. Nearly every one expects lower prices, but as the whole list has had a big decline, there is probably more money in buying on a scale down than selling for the short account. The excitement in gold mining shares in the West continues and good authorities are looking to see this gold craze spread over the country.

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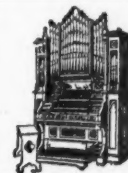
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Yale.

The second illustrated lecture on Worship Music by Prof. J. C. Griggs treated of The Chorale and the Modern Hymn. Examples of the chorale and unison hymn were rendered by the divinity students.—Works recently discussed by the Middle Class were Syddon's Divinity of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and Ullman's Sinlessness of Jesus.—One of the best addresses this year was given recently by Mr. A. G. Beach of the Senior Class on Congregationalism as Related to the Prevailing Tendencies of Our Time and Nation.—The Student Volunteer Band was recently addressed by Rev. A. M. Boulgoorjoun of Turkey.—Last week Monday papers on the Life and Preaching of Horace Bushnell were read before the class in homiletics by Messrs. Macfarland, Briggs and Beard.

Chicago.

The ninth annual meeting of the Theological Faculties' Union of Chicago and vicinity was held Nov. 22. Five seminaries—Baptist, Congregational, Lutheran, Methodist and Presbyterian—were represented by an attendance of thirty-nine. The Episcopal seminary in Chicago was invited to join the union two or three years ago, but it declined on the ground that there was not enough in common to make an acceptance advisable. Reports showed a total of 726 students, the Presbyterian and Congregational having the larger numbers. The Intellectual and Spiritual Culture in Our Seminaries was the chief topic.

In response to a challenge of McCormick Seminary (Presbyterian) the students played a game of football last week Monday, which resulted in a draw.—The missionary interest in the seminary is increasing. Last year, at the request of many students, Professor Scott opened an elective course on the history of missions. At the opening of this year the Students' Volunteer Band was merged into a new organization, the Society of Inquiry, in the interest of home and foreign missions. Its membership includes faculty and students. The seminary was represented by one of its members at the alliance.

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The "Germ Theory" of Consumption was first promulgated by Dr. Martin in 1722, adopted by Dr. Barron in 1819, by Dr. Carmichael in 1836, by Professor Lazzari in 1849, and by myself in 1851.

With these exceptions, the whole body of the profession held to the old doctrine and continued to oppose and deny the truth of the Germ Theory until after Dr. Robert Koch of Berlin, in 1882, proved its indisputable truth by showing, in the diseased tissues and in the expectorated matter from the lungs of consumptives, the actual germ that produces the disease. But even then the new doctrine was neither generally accepted nor the old treatment changed. It was not until 1891 that it came to be publicly acknowledged by the Medical Schools as the only true theory. Consumption is now known to be caused by the bacillus germ, which feeds upon and destroys the substance of the lungs as maggots devour raw flesh.

From whence do the germs come? The atmosphere is filled with countless millions of different kinds, each of which has its appointed mission in the economy of nature; our bodies and all living things are consumed by them after death. They are harmless to the healthy body, but assail and prey upon all dead and diseased tissues.

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They are easily and quickly cured by local treatment applied to the lungs by inhalation, but never by stomach medication. After the Epithelium is broken and the germs have formed a lodgment in the lungs, no diet or nursing, stomach medication or change of air can arrest the lung disease. Nothing short of the actual destruction of the germs and their expulsion from the lungs will save the patient's life. This is effected only by specific germicides applied directly to the germs and germ infected parts by inhalation. Everything else inevitably fails.

(To be continued.)

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THE LOCAL CHURCH IN ITS COMMUNITY.

This topic was considered helpfully and interestingly at the Boston Ministers' Meeting last Monday morning. Rev. C. L. Morgan, D. D., was the main speaker, and he said, in substance: However wide and blessed the work of the church is, it still has grave limitations which cannot be ignored. For its salvation the church must care for the community. The difficulty of one church finding the families for whom it should properly be responsible in a large and thickly populated place, where many denominations are represented, was touched upon. The city parishes are so interwoven and overlapped that many families may easily be overlooked. "What is everybody's business is nobody's business," and these unheeded for multitudes have become what is known as our "un-churched class." It is probably safe to say that at least fifty per cent. of our population have no connection whatever with any church. From this class are recruited the supporters of saloons, socialistic clubs and many of the forces which threaten both church and state. One way in which the influence of the church may be extended is by felicitating the contact of the church and Christian with non-church-goers. Dr. Morgan spoke of the work of the Fraternal Council in Jamaica Plain, consisting of the pastor and three members from each of six Protestant churches, who unite in the support of a lady missionary. This lady makes each month a written report, giving the names of families who have removed from the district, with their new address, and gives to each pastor a list of any new families who have moved into the district, and who would belong under his care.

Another method emphasized was the sustaining, in their proper season, of out-door meetings. Dr. Morgan says he believes in a third order of the ministry, which might be called evangelistic or preaching deacons, and which should consist of young men specially trained for just this sort of work. A third method of extending church influence is systematically to encourage the attendance of Sunday school scholars on the regular church services. For lack of this attendance the fruits of years of effort is being lost. The social barriers which now exist between believers in the gospel and non-church-goers was spoken of, and an earnest plea made for the toil-worn masses who are waiting—some patiently, some despairingly—for God's children to bring them the message of love, goodwill and brotherliness which Christ came to teach. The clubs, fraternities and secret societies now monopolize the sympathy and helpfulness which should flow from the church.

Rev. E. M. Noyes spoke of the church as being a solid body which, therefore, had three dimensions and was capable of extension in three directions. He spoke of the possibilities of increasing the length, territorially and in membership; the breadth, in broadening and enlarging the brains as well as hearts and souls of the church members; and the depth should be extended by deepening the influence of the church along political, educational, social and family lines. Rev. John Barstow referred to the work for young men in his church, which is taking the place, to a large extent, of the work done in cities by the Y. M. C. A. He pleaded for more effort along this line, and said that mistakes were more easily condoned than laziness. Rev. C. M. Southgate affirmed that all these efforts must be accurately gauged to the needs of the community for which they were intended.

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VOTAW, Elihu H., Hawarden, Ia., to Anita. Accepts, to begin Jan. 1.

Ordinations and Installations.

ARN, A. J., p. New Lisbon, Wis., Nov. 20. Sermon, Rev. Wm. Crawford, D. D.; other parts, Rev. Messrs. E. A. Child, J. W. Hadden and John Willan.

FRANCIS, Everett D., o. and i. Ludlow Center, Mass., Nov. 20. Parts, Rev. Messrs. W. T. Hutchins, F. E. Jenkins, F. L. Goodspeed and S. H. Bler.

HAMILTON, C. C., o. Adams, Ill., Oct. 31. Sermon, Rev. S. H. Dana, D. D.; other parts, Rev. Messrs. J. O. Emerson, L. R. Royce, N. L. Burton, G. L. Brake-meyer.

LATHROP, Edward A., o. Shrewsbury, Mass., Nov. 25. Sermon, Rev. A. Z. Conrad, D. D.; other parts, Rev. Messrs. A. R. Merriam, I. L. Wilcox, A. H. Coolidge, G. H. Gould, J. E. Dodge.

PRATT, Ernest, p. Guaga, Kan., Nov. 21. Sermon, Rev. A. S. Bush; other parts, Rev. Messrs. I. P. Broad, E. B. Smith, W. C. Wheeler, R. M. Tunnell.

STONE, Dwight C., i. Gilbertville, Mass., Oct. 30. Sermon, Rev. E. L. Thorpe; other parts by neighboring pastors.

Resignations.

BLISS, Leon D., Woodland, Cal.

DICK, Jere. M., Hillsboro, Ore.

GRAY, John, Sibley, Ia.

KAYE, Jas. K., Edgerton, Wis.

LARKIN, Ralph B., Liberty, Wis., to accept appointment of the American Board to Harpoot, Turkey.

MERRILL, George H., Rio Vista, Cal.

PINKERTON, Adam, First Ch., Arena, Wis.

SAWYER, Simeon, S. Milwaukee, Wis., on account of ill health, to spend the winter in Chicago.

SEYMOUR, Edward P., Putney, Vt., on account of ill health.

Dismissals.

SEDGWICK, Arthur H., Nashua, Io.

Churches Organized.

SOUTH PORTLAND, Me., rec. Nov. 17. Fifteen members.

VICTORIA, B. C., rec. Nov. 20. Thirty-five members.

Miscellaneous.

HALE, Harris G., Warren, Mass., who has been absent for two months from his pulpit, has so far regained his health that he will resume work Dec. 1. Rev. B. M. Frink, who has supplied his pulpit during his absence, will return to West Brookfield, where he may be addressed.

HOE, Geo. H., of Milwaukee, Wis., who has been detained in Syracuse, N. Y., by sickness since the National Council, is now convalescent and left Nov. 19 for a visit in New Jersey.

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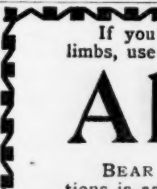
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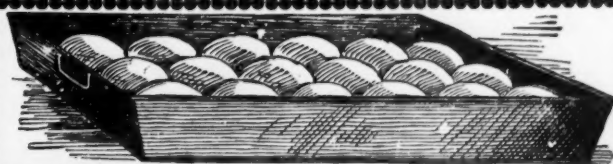
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THE ASSOCIATION OF UTAH.

This body held its annual meeting with the Phillips Church, Salt Lake City, Nov. 18-20. Every church was represented. Rev. W. S. Hunt preached the opening sermon, which sounded the keynote for the spirit of the sessions. The reports by the pastors and delegates and by the home mission superintendent showed the work to be in a hopeful condition, giving promise for the near future which cheered the heart. The Phillips Church has just enjoyed fruitful revival services in which Mr. H. F. Sayles of Chicago assisted. He was warmly indorsed by all who had met him. The pastor of this church, Rev. D. W. Bartlett, reported from the National Council. The Sabbath of and for Today, and The Next Step in Temperance were discussed Tuesday afternoon. The next evening Christian Education was the theme and after an address by President Kenasten of Salt Lake College, a half-dozen of the students, young men and women, spoke two minutes each on Why I Am Getting an Education. The idea was unique and remarkably well executed, the ability and good sense of the statements surprising the association. Hon. C. E. Allen, a trustee of the college and member-elect to Congress, made an address and the college was pledged the continued and hearty support of the Utah churches.

Wednesday morning our six societies had the right of way in addresses and discussion. The afternoon of that day the Utah Woman's Missionary Union held its meeting with good attendance, and much interest was manifested in their work.

For the evening session the association adjourned to the Plymouth meeting house on the other side of the city, and assisted in the dedication of the new and convenient meeting house, which Rev. J. D. Nutting planned and supervised in building, and on which he worked with his own hands all summer. The

pastors participated in the services and Supt. W. S. Hawkes preached the sermon on The Pilgrim Fathers, a theme suggested by the name of the church and the anniversary of the signing of the solemn compact. Suitable and valuable gifts from the First and Phillips Churches were named and Deacon Hall of the First Church led a movement spontaneously to raise some money on the spot, much to the joy of the little, struggling, but hopeful Plymouth Church. Rev. C. W. Luck and Rev. G. H. Perry, both of Ogden, were, respectively, moderator and scribe. The next meeting will be held with their churches.

Compared with other home missionary fields the Utah work is small when the number of churches or their membership or financial ability is considered, but those who understand the conditions think it now in good condition because all the laborers are united and devoted. How the coming statehood will affect the work only the future can decide; fears and hopes blend but faith does not falter.

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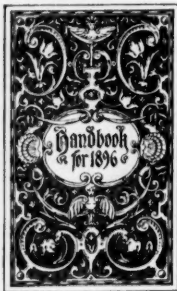
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in Mrs. A. C. Thompson's reading of the 103d Psalm and in the prayer which she led; also in Mrs. Goodell's words with regard to this testing time of our faith in which one may strengthen another, believing that, while

God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform,

his hand still covers those who are serving him anywhere.

Miss Mary L. Speare, who presided, called attention to the many occasions for thanksgiving, even while anxiety is so constant, and by her suggestion of reminiscences of missionaries set memory flying and imagination on the alert bringing up visions of the dear missionaries known to each, with past interviews and present conditions. She recalled several whose words had made a great impression upon her, some in her early childhood: Mrs. Capron, with her account of a day's work in India; "Father Snow," who hesitated to address an audience at Park Street Church because he was afraid he had forgotten his English, and then, being complimented for his fluency by one who did not know of his hesitation, he said, "All the credit is due to Mrs. Snow, for she is the only English-speaking person with whom I have conversed during thirteen years in Micronesia"; Miss Barrows of Japan; Mrs. Goodrich of North China; Dr. Lewis Grout of South Africa, translating the Scriptures into Zulu; Mrs. Gulick of Spain, who said, "When you pray for me do not pray for Mrs. Gulick, but for Mrs. Alice Gordon Gulick"; Miss Bush saying cheerfully, as if it were a bit of pleasantries, "We are afraid all the time"; and the missionary's son here at home, who was said, the other day, not to have had any good sleep for a week on account of his solicitude for his father and mother in Turkey—one of many missionary boys and girls who watch and wait and hope.

Mrs. A. H. Johnson read a letter from Mrs. Christie of Tarsus, and spoke of the opportunity and responsibility of disseminating missionary information now, when so many who have not cared for the work for its own sake, aroused in the interest of friendship and humanity, are asking for facts and ready to learn.

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